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Sports Gauchos unstoppable in 50-20 win over St. Mary's [**C1**]

Arts & Leisure Writer does some genre-bending [**C10**]

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...e apologizes to ...ent Papalia for ...ing literature from ...oorsteps of houses

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

...Albany City Council can... ...has admitted removing an ...nt's campaign flier from ...steps of some homes and ...ssed regret for her "un...teristic" behavior.

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...m extremely remorseful ...gretful over my uncharac... ...lapse in behavior, for ...l offer no excuse," Wile ...What I did was wrong and ...be repeated by me or any... ...nnected to my campaign."

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...e Albany attorney ...on represented the ...f volunteerism; ...ship in his name ...lp the needy

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

...mer Albany attorney ...on Allen Johnson had one ...mp 10 biggest volunteer ...nity spirits in the city, says ...Allan Maris.

...gh I could get everyone ...d with the same spirit," ...said.

...e city lost Johnson's vol...rism last year, when the ...ge member of the Albany ...Club died of cancer at 75. ..., however, his legacy of ...will continue.

...Albany City Council last ...approved the establishment ...William Johnson Scholar... ...said.

...e scholarship will help un...leged Albany residents par... ...in city recreation activities ...uldn't otherwise afford.

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COLUMBIA PICTURES



Volunteers head for the coast to work

MILES MERMER, 13, above, rolls a tire through the beach dunes to the trash during the Albany Shoreline Cleanup on Saturday. At left, Jerry Oliveras, right, along with more than 50 other volunteers clean up debris from the beach on Saturday. Along with volunteers, the Cub Scouts of Albany came out to lend a hand during the annual Coastal Cleanup Day event.

Portables may not be certified

■ Albany school's temporary buildings have not been approved by the proper authority, says state agency

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

For three weeks, Ocean View Elementary School students in Albany have been attending classes in portable buildings that have not been certified by the necessary state agency.

The Division of the State Architect (DSA), which must approve the placement of portable buildings on public school campuses, has no record of certification for the portable building project at Ocean View, Bill Branch, deputy director for communications at the state Department of General Services, said in an e-mail on Wednesday.

The DSA, a division of the Department of General Services, has asked its Oakland office to look into the matter further.

"They have to file a report with DSA to be fully legal," Branch said in a phone interview.

Albany Unified School District Superintendent Willie Wong said an inspector hired by the school district inspected both portables and signed off on them.

The portables come preapproved by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), Wong said.

When the trailers are put on the ground and prepared for occupancy, inspectors make sure those specifications are met. The school district inspector signed off on that, Wong said.

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JOANNA JHANDA

RABBI DEAN KERTESZ was recently installed as the new rabbi at Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond, the only synagogue in West Contra Costa County and the temple he attended growing up.

Rabbi's quest opens a new world of faith

■ El Cerrito man comes back to preside over Temple Beth Hillel, where he was nurtured as a child

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

Deciding in his mid-40s to become a rabbi wasn't the start of a spiritual journey for Dean Kertesz so much as the next logical step in an already religious life.

It also was a step that brought him back to his spiritual roots.

Kertesz was recently installed as the new rabbi at Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond, the only synagogue in West Contra Costa County and the synagogue he attended growing up. It is his first rabbinical post.

"I've always been a religious person," said Kertesz, 51. "I've always been drawn to serving God and religious people."

His approachable style and the fact that many congregation members remember Kertesz from his childhood seem to fit nicely with the relaxed

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...hree teens arrested for 'violent series of robberies'

...e seven attacks occurred ...e Ohlone Greenway, ...ding to police; at least ...victims were knocked ...nscious

By Karl Fischer
STAFF WRITER

...ice have arrested a group of ...ey say brutally stomped and ...at least five people on the Ohlone Greenway in August and September.

HOW TO HELP

Police ask anyone who saw a mugging this month on or near the Ohlone Greenway in El Cerrito to call 510-215-4400

The attacks, seven in all, so alarmed El Cerrito police that they spent more than 100 hours watching a section of the public path last week.

"This was a violent series of robberies. In that sense, it was unusual," Detective Cpl. Don Horgan said Monday. "In one of the cases, the victim actually said 'Hi' to the suspects. He made eye contact, he did everything he was supposed to do, but it didn't matter. They had already marked him."

Most of the attackers struck from behind. Two or more muggers would rush a hiker or bicyclist and, without comment, punch him to the ground, where they would beat and kick him into submission. The attacks generally happened around midday, beginning Aug. 28 and ending last week.

At least two victims were knocked unconscious, Horgan said. One of those victims, a 25-year-old man, was flown to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek on Sept. 9 with a head injury and was released the same day.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Police investigate shooting on Adams Street

Albany police were investigating this week a shooting Monday night that left a 22-year-old man with a nonlife-threatening wound in the right pelvis area.

About 9:45 p.m., people reported hearing gunfire in the area of the 500 and 600 blocks of Adams Street.

Officers arrived shortly thereafter, but didn't find any victims, said Albany police Lt. John Geissberger. They did find several shell casings in the street on the 500 block of Adams and the intersection of Clay Street and Adams.

Officers also found other evidence at the scene, Geissberger said.

About 10:15 p.m., Alta Bates Summit Medical Center's Alta Bates Campus in Berkeley called police, saying they had a gunshot victim in the emergency room. He was released from the hospital that night.

Police believe he was probably shot in the area of Adams and Clay.

— Justin Hill

City Council candidates forum scheduled

Sustainable Albany will hold a forum on Tuesday for candidates running for Albany City Council and the Albany Unified School District Board of Education.

The forum is scheduled to be held in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

The candidates will make introductory presentations and be asked questions regarding green and sustainability issues in the city.

The board of education part of the forum will be from 6 to 6:50 p.m., while the City Council portion will be from 7 to 7:50 p.m.

Sustainable Albany is an organization of residents that promotes sustainable living and decision making in Albany.

— Justin Hill

Pest Management Task Force to meet

The Albany Integrated Pest Management Task Force is scheduled to meet on Wednesday to interview potential consultants who will help the task force draft a policy for managing pests on city property.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

Those who cannot attend may send written comments to Melinda Chinn, recreation and community services director, 1240 Marin Ave., Albany CA 94706 or to mchinn@albanyca.org.

For information call 510-524-9283.

— Justin Hill

El Cerrito

Chamber of Commerce seeks new logo

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is having a community-wide contest for a new logo.

The person whose entry is chosen as the best logo and most original slogan describing the organization's mission will receive $100.

The chamber's mission is to promote and encourage development of commercial interests in El Cerrito, the county and the state; to disseminate information about the city to those looking for residential, commercial and industrial sites; to maintain an intelligent and considerate interest in the development of good streets, highways, schools and public places; to act for the moral and civil integrity of the city and to increase its wealth and population while fostering a general welfare of the community.

To compete in the contest, submit an original hand-drawn or hard-copy logo that can be printed in black and white and color along with a new slogan. The entries must be received by Nov. 3 and can be mailed or brought to the chamber office, 10848 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

The chamber board of directors is expected to judge the entries at its Nov. 8 meeting.

— Justin Hill

Tri-City Safety Day coming Sept. 30

The Albany, El Cerrito, and Kensington Fire departments are again teaming to hold Tri-City Safety Day, a fun and educational event for families from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 30 on the east side (Fairmount Avenue side) of El Cerrito Plaza in the Albertson's supermarket parking lot.

The event is a chance to get to know and learn about safety issues from local police and fire agencies. There will also be representatives from numerous other agencies, including many that the public doesn't routinely have contact with, such as the California Highway Patrol, the BART Police Canine Unit, the East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department, the hazardous materials unit from the Richmond Fire Department, the bomb squad from UC Berkeley, the American Red Cross and the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee.

Attendees can also register for an upcoming identity theft workshop.

There will be plenty of activities for youngsters, including fire trucks to investigate, fingerprinting, balloons, fire hats and coloring books. And of course, public safety celebrity mascots Smokey Bear, Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog will make an appearance.

For more details call 510-215-4450.

— Chris Treadway

Reader's question brings up scary situati



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

Q: I was looking for a restaurant the other day and even though I was standing very near to it, I couldn't see it. I assumed it had closed, until someone pointed it out to me. My eyesight is fine, so I know it's not that, so is this just an aging thing? Is this that Awareness component that you mention so frequently?

A: I must admit that I have never before received a question like this one. If your eyesight is normal, we must look elsewhere for an answer. Have you experienced any other types of lapses? Are you forgetting things? Have you missed appointments, lost lists, forgotten chores — any of these things that need to be done? It is a scary situation, for sure, and one to which you must pay really close attention.

As always, I cannot believe that age has anything to do with what is happening to you. I know some individuals who are in their 90s, who are cognizant of their surroundings, well aware of what is going on around them. In the past I have had a number of people attend my classes and perform very, very well. So you see, age really has very little or nothing to do with mental abilities.

You mention awareness, and, yes, I would most certainly recommend that you work on your awareness and try to find out just what is happening. From memory, can you imagine, and name, the things on your kitchen counter? On your bedside stand? On your coffee table? Make a list and then check it out. If you missed any items, be sure to observe them all again and make other lists.

Try this technique with other parts of your surroundings as well. Other areas of your home are also important, as well as places in your neighborhood. As usual, it would be very helpful if you had a friend to assist in asking questions, or to observe with you and discuss specific areas, objects, colors and many other characteristics of the surroundings.

Inasmuch as this situation began while you were in an area that is not your most familiar, no doubt you do visit others more well known to you, such as the market where you shop for groceries. Is there a mall with which you are well acquainted? We often have our favorite cleaners, delis, drug stores, specialty stores, and so many more. Try visiting some of these other areas and test yourself for possible... to observe things that... should be there.

I also think that you... have some other person... you. Be certain that... seeing all of the family... that you should see.

If you have another... like the one involved... restaurant, be sure to... your physician immed... Perhaps it would be... contact your physician... case. Your situation... scary possibilities, and... be wise to make certa... you are in good health... all is well. Best of luck.

E-mail inquiries for... resident Connie Lynch... niemw@aol.com. Lynch... is the founder of Mind... mental fitness program... signed for older adults... the author of "Do't Lo... Mind, Four Componen... perior Mental Fitness." ... formation on books and... classes, call 510-466-...

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

■ **BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a storage space in a garage on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue.

■ **ROBBERY & ASSAULT** — At about 1:30 p.m. officers responded to Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard on reports of a student being pushed and robbed of his wallet. The subject was last seen heading toward Key Route Boulevard, and was apprehended by officers. The 17-year-old boy was arrested for robbery and battery and transported to Juvenile Hall.

■ **THEFT** — Someone stole the copper downspouts from the buildings at St. Mary's High School on the 1200 block of Albina Street.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

■ **HONDA RECOVERED** — Fortuna police reported locating a green 1994 Honda Civic that had been reported stolen from an Albany resident. It had not been damaged, and they had a suspect in custody. The owner was notified.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a blue 1994 Saturn on the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue.

■ **DUI** — At about 11:30 p.m. officers arrested a 46-year-old El Cerrito man driving a white 1993 Chevrolet on San Pablo Avenue near Carlson Street for DUI.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

■ **EGGING** — A Berkeley woman called to report that her son and several other Albany Middle School students were egged near Thousand Oaks Boulevard and San Carlos Street while walking home from school.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

■ **PROWLER** — A resident on the 900 block of Adams Street reported that he awoke at about 3:30 a.m. and discovered someone prowling through his bedroom He described the prowler as a dark-skinned man, about 5 feet 9 inches tall, thin build with long dreadlocks, wearing a baseball cap and dark green T-shirt. The prowler fled when he was discovered, and was last seen running southbound on Adams. He was gone when officers arrived.

■ **DUI** — At about 1 a.m., officers arrested a 41-year-old Hercules man driving a tan 1996 Toyota on San Pablo Avenue near Brighton Avenue for DUI.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a white 1988 Toyota Camry that was parked on the 1600 block of Sonoma Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone took a stereo out of a burgundy-colored Volvo that was parked on the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a sliver Buick on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 28-year-old El Sobrante man, for DUI.

■ **DUI** — A 25-year-old Oakland man driving a silver 2001 Toyota Camry near San Pablo Avenue and Garfield Street at about 4 a.m. was arrested for DUI.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — During the night election posters were stolen from the front of numerous houses in Albany.

■ **THEFT** — At about 1:30 p.m. an employee at the Safeway store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that a person described as a black man with full beard, wearing a baseball cap, white T-shirt and blue jeans, took a 12 pack of beer from the store. He was last seen... south on Neilson Street, ... gone when officers arrived.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — ... stole a gray 1989 Toyota ... parked in the parking lot ... store on the 1000 block of ... There were no witnesses.

MONDAY, SEPT. ...

■ **DUI** — At about 1:30 a.m. ... arrested a 25-year-old ... woman driving a green ... San Pablo Avenue near ... enue for DUI.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — During ... someone stole a bike from ... dence on the 1000 block of ... Route Boulevard.

■ **THEFT** — A resident on ... block of Solano Avenue ... that the previous day some... taken the license plate of ... 2000 Toyota. There were ... nesses.

Weekly summary

Officers responded to 240... and stopped 186 vehicles ... ans, issuing 47 citations ... warnings. Firefighters/para... sponded to four fire calls ... medical emergencies.

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EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A white 1996 Acura TL was stolen from the 2500 block of Carquinez Avenue between about 6 a.m. and about 4 p.m.

■ **GRAND THEFT** — Two purses were stolen from an unlocked car in the 100 block of Pomona Avenue between about 8 p.m. and about 8:30 a.m. the following day.

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A black 1990 Nissan Pathfinder was stolen from the 6700 block of Fairmount Avenue between about 8 p.m. and about 6 p.m. the following day.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A wallet was removed from a vehicle in the 1300 block of Linda Vista Drive between about 9:30 p.m. and about 7:30 a.m. the following day.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — The in-dash stereo of a vehicle on the 1700 block of Liberty Street was taken between about 7:30 p.m. and about 8:45 a.m. the following day.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A registration card was stolen from a car on the 8400 block of Wildcat Drive between about 6 p.m. and 7:15 a.m. the following day.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A suitcase containing miscellaneous property was stolen from a vehicle on the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue between about 10 p.m. and about 1:30 a.m. the following day.

TUESDAY, SEPT. ...

■ **ROBBERY** — A man walk... the Ohlone Greenway was ... little after midnight near ... Avenue when two males ... him several times as he ... moved his wallet. The four ... fled northbound on the pa... them was described as a ... old Latino, 6 feet tall and ... pounds with shoulder length ... brown hair. He was describ... wearing a black T-shirt with ... long-sleeved shirt and blue ... Another one of the males ... scribed as a16-year-old ... wearing dark clothing.

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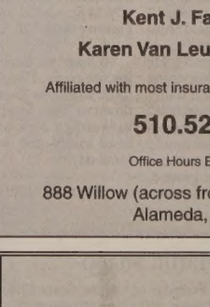
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MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

'M NOT 85," says Louis Flynn, "I'm eighty-bleeping-five. A simple sentence doesn't the picture. There are aches and pains that do anything about." all that, Flynn is enjoying his old age. have to apologize thing any more. If I say outrageous, every- required to shrug their and say, 'Well, he's

is the co-founder his late wife, Bettianne) tistic director of the Con- Civic Theater in El Over the years he's every duty at the including acting, direct- making out the trash. most people in town, he is Contra Costa Civic Theater assertion he hotly rejects. the volunteers who are able for this theater, not and me," he says. have actual lives outside ever, so everything they is a sacrifice."

ght; the CCCT will pre- new version of the very it produced back in The Orchid Sandwich," by – ta da! — Louis

a totally mindless says Flynn, who likes to George S. Kaufman's dic- you want to send a call Western Union." Alfred Hitchcock, a cameo part in CCCT production, and is no exception. two lines, then I'll be bed reading my mys- ries while they're taking tain calls," he says. tarted in 1959, when Bettianne decided that needed its own com- theater. They took it emselves to create one. the creative side; she usiness genius with a r win-win solutions. she heard an old ouse was going to be ed, she called the and said, "Look, it's go- st you $3,000 to tear it Why don't you rent it to a year instead?" uilt the gate by selling tickets at cut-rate local service clubs, esold them to their mem- whatever they liked. 69, the CCCT moved to ent location in a vacant ub. It needed a huge loan ert the building into a but it had no collateral. Bettianne persuaded 20 — known to this day as agnificent 20" — to put 00 apiece to underwrite t from a local bank.

> "Just two lines, then I'll be home in bed reading my mystery stories while they're taking their curtain calls."
>
> — Louis Flynn

Bettianne died 10 years ago, but their children have picked up the torch.

Daughter Kathleen Ray, chairwoman of the drama department at Head Royce School in Oakland, runs the CCCT's children's programs, including the way-cool summer camp.

Son Matthew, an award-winning set designer in Hollywood, has designed the sets for more than 50 CCCT productions.

Not all of the CCCT's recent productions have been to Flynn's taste. (For instance, he wasn't crazy about all the f-bombs in "A Chorus Line.") But that's OK with him, too.

"A man 85 years old should not be making the decisions," he says. "He just shouldn't. Young people should be making them. I don't have any Norma Desmond problems."

Today, he lives with his dog, Kelly, a 10-year-old mutt whom he spoils outrageously.

"Old people should have pets," he says. "Every time I come home, that dog is in there, jumping up and down, glad to see me. He's my most prized possession."

Most of his contemporaries are gone now.

"My main social life is speaking at memorial services," he says.

But he's not feeling blue.

"People have been nicer to me than you can possibly imagine. They go out of their way to come up to me and tell me how much they enjoy the theater. And I have a son and daughter who call me every single morning. Think of all the different ways a man can be lucky, and that's what I am."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

Sopwith Camel hovers above shoreline

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

A replica of a World War I Sopwith Camel airplane is back hovering above the East Bay shoreline — for as long as it lasts.

The plane, a creation of Albany artist Tyler Hoare to commemorate the famous Snoopy vs. the Red Baron story line from the "Peanuts" comic strip, is an East Bay tradition dating to 1975. The newest plane, installed Friday, is on pilings at the end of the pier just north of Chevy's restaurant in Emeryville. Unlike previous versions, this one has an interactive feature.

"Kids can actually stand at the end of the pier and spin the propeller," Hoare said. "Hopefully people will leave it alone and it will be there for another month or two."

Over the years, 10 different incarnations of the aircraft have stood on pilings in the Bay off the Frontage Road between Ashby Avenue and University Avenue in Berkeley. The earlier versions were claimed by the elements and souvenir hunters. The original pilings are pretty much history as well, which is why the new plane was placed in Emeryville.

While seemingly whimsical in nature, the replicas are no small undertaking. The plane is built in sections that together weigh about 350 pounds, meaning it takes a number of people to take the parts out in a boat to reassemble the artwork.

Luckily for Hoare, his associates know the drill after 30 years.

"I call a bunch of friends and say I've got a sculpture ready and they show up," he said last week after returning from Emeryville. "I used to have about 30 people, now it's about 60, including some who are the kids of the original guys."

The Red Baron is not forgotten in all this. A large replica of a German tri-plane from World War I hangs at Albany High School.



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

A WORLD WAR I Sopwith Camel bi-plane, by sculptor Tyler Hoare, is permanently perched on the pier over the mudflats in Emeryville on Sept. 18. The wooden propeller is within reach and will spin if you give it a turn.

FACES & PLACES

Albany citizen, youth of the year honored

The Albany Chamber of Commerce honored its Citizen of the Year and Youth of the Year for 2006. The pair were acknowledged at an Aug. 29 awards dinner at Thep Naaree Thai restaurant.

Ruth Ganong, the Citizen of the Year, has served as an elected official and as a volunteer in a number of capacities. She has 24 years as an elected official since 1972, serving eight years each on the Albany School Board, the City Council and AC Transit board of directors.

Volunteer work includes service with the League of Women Voters, Alameda County Waste Management Authority, Albany YMCA and the Albany Education Foundation. She was a founder of the Albany Historical Society.

Albany High School senior Taylor Mosley is a member of the Albany Youth Task Force, has volunteered serving meals at the Albany Senior Center, helped with book sales at the Albany Library and originated the idea of a teen cafe in Albany.

She was also a photographer for the yearbook at MacGregor High School, president of the Gay Straight Alliance at Albany High School and participated in the wrestling program at Albany High School for the past few years.

— Justin Hill

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Marco Meniketti has joined the faculty at San Jose State University, where he teaches archaeology. He specializes in the Caribbean and holds a field school there on the island of Nevis each summer.

Meniketti is the son of Ruth Meniketti and the late Dario Meniketti of Albany. He attended Albany schools and graduated from Albany High School, where he later taught for a time after graduating from UC Berkeley. Marco Meniketti earned his master's degree from the University of Michigan (East Lansing).

He is married to Lisa Fonchione-Meniketti and they have one child. The family currently resides in El Cerrito.

— Chris Treadway

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Inscribed bricks are available to commemorate the rebuilding of El Cerrito High School and support the annual Grad Nite for 2007. "Surprise your child, honor a family member or teacher, remember a graduation or just enjoy the sight of your name or your child's name on our new campus," reads the pitch from the 2007 Grad Nite Committee. Bricks will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The cost is a $50 donation for each brick, which can be inscribed with up to three lines of text. Forms will be available at school events such as football games or progress report night on Sept. 26, and are also available in the school office.

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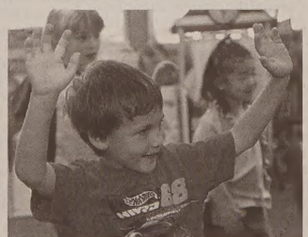


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Adoption fee: dogs $125; cats $100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Biodiesel emerges as fuel alternative

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY deserves credit for switching its diesel-run vehicles to biodiesel fuel. Biodiesel could become a significant alternative to regular diesel, especially if oil prices remain high.

Biodiesel is made from soybean oil and methanol or ethanol, all of which are produced in the United States. The fuel costs about the same as conventional diesel, and there is little difference in the miles per gallon that vehicles get.

Contra Costa County estimates that it would save about $30,000 a year once its fleet of trucks and other large vehicles switches over to biodiesel. Currently, the vehicles are using B20, a mixture of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent conventional diesel. After a three-month trial period, the county hopes to use B100, pure biodiesel.

The fuel has many advantages. Because it is domestically produced, taxpayers' money stays in the United States rather than going to foreign producers of oil.

Also, using biodiesel sharply reduces pollution. There is a 48 percent reduction in carbon monoxide, 47 percent less particulate matter and no sulfates.

Moreover, it is easy to convert diesel engines from petroleum-based fuel to biodiesel with little or no modification.

With so many benefits, little difference in costs or mileage, and ease of conversion, there is no good reason biodiesel cannot become widely used in the near future.

In fact, there has been a rapid increase in the production of the fuel. Just seven years ago, only 500,000 gallons of biodiesel were produced in the United States. This year, U.S. production is more than 150 million gallons.

That is still a tiny fraction of the 60 billion gallons of diesel used each year in the United States, but the future bodes well for biodiesel.

Alameda County, Marin County and Berkeley already use biodiesel fuel. San Francisco is considering using it for all its Muni buses and other city vehicles. Contra Costa is likely to be one more major user of biodiesel. That is good new for our air and our economy.

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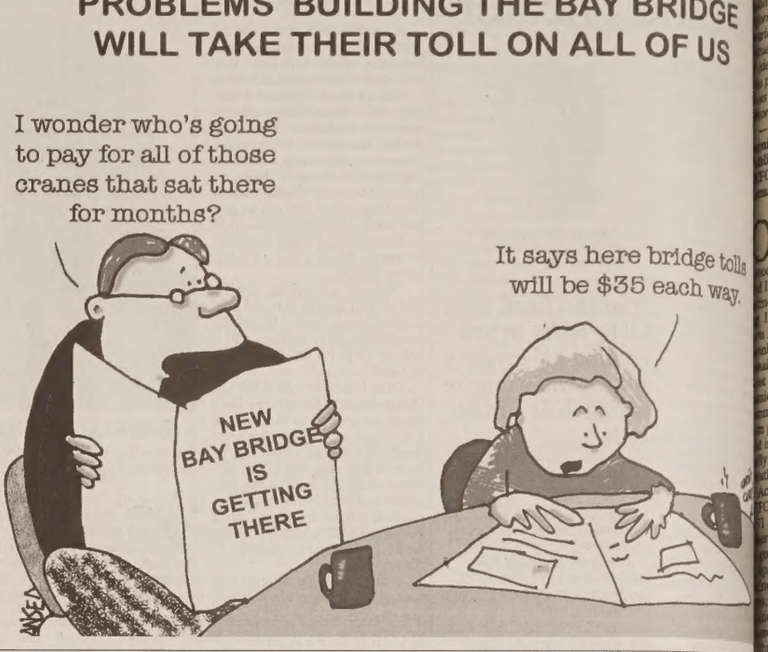
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No need to replace middle school

I read Kimberly Wetzel's Sept. 15 article concerning the state's refusal to allow the West Contra Costa school district to rebuild Portola Middle School on its existing site due to land stability concerns. Superintendent Bruce Harter is said to be exploring various options to keep the 620 Portola students in El Cerrito.

There's no need to replace Portola, because there are more than 600 vacancies in El Cerrito elementary schools and the new high school, due to open in 2008, will also have room for almost 600 more students than it now has.

There's already great interest in this area of the district for K-8 elementary schools and those students who would like to enter a secondary school could easily be accommodated in the new El Cerrito High School.

There are already a number of Portola students taking high school level classes at El Cerrito. The large, and growing, music classes at Portola would help to more effectively utilize the new Performing Arts Center at El Cerrito High.

What purpose would it serve to add to the extraordinary glut of unused seats in El Cerrito public schools, at a cost of many millions of dollars, other than to pursue the social engineering aims of certain members of the present school board?

Mike O'Connor
El Cerrito

A worthy project

Thank you for Justin Hill's Sept. 15 article on the completion of the Harding Elementary School playground.

I'm grateful to the voters who approved Measure M and to the committed parents, hardworking construction crew members, and district officials who worked to make this project a reality.

After waiting for three years, Harding students are now able to fully utilize their playground. The kindergartners love exploring the outdoor cave and climbing up to the tower in the new play structure.

Our older students enjoy the new basketball courts, outdoor track, and large play structure. I see many parents congregate around the outdoor dining patio, which provides a great space to socialize before and after school.

Teachers now have the ability to instruct their students on planting and harvesting fresh produce in the new school garden.

In past years, only those fortunate enough to afford private school tuition would have access to this kind of educational setting.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone in the community, this kind of learning environment is now available to everyone.

Sharon Johnson
El Cerrito

Height of hypocrisy

Robert Lieber and Brian Parker were the only two candidates in the 2004 City Council election who chose not to abide by Albany's voluntary limit on campaign spending.

Backed by the Sierra Club, Citizens for East Shore Parks (CESP) and Citizens for the Albany Shoreline (CAS), they exponentially outspent their opposition. Lieber won a seat on the council while Parker — who spent an astronomical $10,350 or so, if memory serves — did not.

While it's routinely asserted by Sierra Club, CESP and CAS spokespersons, such as Parker, that Albany must be protected from corruption by "pro-development" dollars, nothing, in fact, could be further from the truth. Albany already has been corrupted by mega-spending "environmentalists."

This hypocrisy reached new heights at the Sept. 18 council meeting when Lieber, the sole council member who has failed to put his money where his mouth is in local elections, asked the council to support state Proposition 89, the California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act.

While this proposition may make good law, it's silly of the council to involve itself in such matters, and laughable that Lieber suggested it.

In the current race for City Council, only Caryl O'Keefe has had the courage to agree to abide by Albany's spending limit and to accept contributions exclusively from Albany individuals. One can only wonder, by contrast, where the "Save Our Shoreline Team" of council candidates — Joanne Wile and Marge Atkinson — are getting their campaign dollars. The catchy tagline makes their priorities clear and their endorsement by Lieber and Parker speaks volumes on the campaign financing issue.

Paul Klein
Albany

Torture of detainees

President Bush is seeking the support of Congress for continuing the practice of holding presumed enemies abroad, outside the protection of federal law, with those under CIA control subject to especially "harsh" interrogation.

In part, he reasons that the language of the Geneva Conventions is vague, for example, when it proscribes "offenses to human dignity," and that in consequence, our professional interrogators may be liable in the past or the future under the War Crimes Act. Good!

The actions he and they apparently had difficulty recognizing as "contrary to dignity" include partial drowning, suffocation, hog-tying to a floor or wall, being doused with freezing water while naked, and incessant loud noise.

Following this administration's usual practice, friendly legal experts — notoriously, Berkeley's John Yoo — had been sought out to assert that as president, Bush can use words to mean whatever he pleases (we already knew).

This theory did not hold and, [illegible] Congress is willing to sell America's [illegible] perpetrators of torture will [illegible] to pretend they didn't know that [illegible] they were doing was illegal and [illegible]

Is it too much to suggest that [illegible] place is in hell, with their predec[illegible] in the SS, in the Shah of Iran's [illegible] Soviet NKVD and, of course, the [illegible] of our many friends and enemies [illegible] Middle East?

Mike [illegible]
Kensington

Peace and security

Peace and security for everyone [illegible] world is the objective of our organiz[illegible] East Bay Peace Action. How [illegible] achieve it is debatable.

We feel that to achieve peace [illegible] there must be justice for all! Others [illegible] that in response to real attacks by [illegible] rorists," peace can be achieved by [illegible] tary action and occupations.

We feel history supports our belief [illegible] the aggressive military approa[illegible] counter-productive. (We leave [illegible] questions of morality and legality [illegible] letter.) The evidence is clear that [illegible] Hamas, Hezbollah, and others, [illegible] strengthened, if not formed, by [illegible] perceived injustices and by excessive [illegible] itary reactions, where the large [illegible] of deaths and injuries are to [illegible] civilians.

Regarding Iran, we believe no [illegible] try should have nuclear weapons. [illegible] ing said that, we fully understand [illegible] countries such as Iran would feel [illegible] only protection they have from ag[illegible] sive U.S. military actions, including [illegible] vasions, is to possess nuclear weap[illegible] An example is North Korea.

We feel an international confer[illegible] should be formed, consisting of all [illegible] dle Eastern countries and other [illegible] sentative countries, to debate all [illegible] and propose a regional peace plan.

Please phone the White House co[illegible] line, 202-456-1111, with your opinion.

Dale [illegible]

Nesbitt is an East Bay Peace [illegible] board member.

Protect food's safety

I'm writing to urge citizens to [illegible] a piece of legislation, SB 3128, [illegible] would undo many of the safeguards [illegible] warnings we in California have [illegible] food and food products.

In this time of bovine spongiform [illegible] cephalitis (mad cow); widespread [illegible] estrogen and estrogenic mimics in [illegible] chickens and other animals to [illegible] their bulk; contamination of stream [illegible] ground-water with run-off from [illegible] wastes of these animals (these [illegible] alter the sexual characteristics of [illegible] organisms, including frogs and fish); [illegible] widespread use of antibiotics in [illegible] imals, leading to more resistant [illegible] of bacteria, it is incredible our [illegible] ment would vote for fewer controls [illegible] and inspections.

If you care about your own [illegible] health of your children or the children [illegible] others, the living conditions and [illegible] of animals we consume for food, [illegible] overall health of the earth, please [illegible] your senator to urge a vote against [illegible] 3128 and; instead, work on more [illegible] guards and more labeling.

Dr. Debra [illegible]
El [illegible]

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Resolution in Support of migrants' Rights to Free blic Library Access on the FORMA Web site (www.re- ma.org)

NE OF THE organiza- ions I belong to is RE- FORMA — the National ociation to Promote Library Information Services to ins and the Spanish-Speak- I joined in 2004, and since I have maintained my bership because, of all the ils I get daily, its are the interesting and the most sionate. Its enthusiasm and tagement make me feel as if part of an organization is doing important and so- conscious work — and I ly appreciate what it does. cording to its Web site, FORMA was established in as an affiliate of the erican Library Association. als include: Development anish-language and o-oriented library collec- recruitment of bilingual, cultural library personnel; otion of public awareness raries and librarianship g Latinos; advocacy on of the information needs Latino community; and, ion to other professional or- ations.

f all of those, I am most e of advocacy and recruit- A good example of advo- s its resolution quoted e, as well as its vigilance ch issues as English-only tives. In 1985 it took a po- that opposed a constitu- amendment proclaiming sh as the official lan- . This was recently up- , and is on its Web site as FORMA's Position on Lan- Rights — Language n the 21st Century." e language of this resolu- s strong and clear, and I comforting to read a ent that so clearly shows dication to creating a tolerant and accepting so- It is worth reading the e piece, but to give an ex- e: "REFORMA accepts the nsibility to alert the gen- public to the inherent dan- that may result from Eng- only initiatives, including scension to, racial profil- and victimization of the ish-speaking and other nglish speaking peoples. EFORMA appreciates and ds the linguistic diversity uralism that strengthens rican society..."

the topic of recruitment, RMA is best-known for ual scholarship drive. ear's five winners — who all expressed an interest rking with Latinos — will receive a $1,500 scholar- to be used for library

providing these scholar- REFORMA is helping not



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

only these students but also the communities they will eventually serve.

In addition, REFORMA supports the Pura Belpré Award, which is "presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth" (ala.org). Established in 1996, it is named after the first Latina librarian from the New York Public Library.

This year's winners are Viola Canales for the narrative of "Tequila Worm" (a book I am currently reading and greatly enjoying) and Raul Colón for the illustrations in "Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart" (text by Pat Mora).

Resources on the REFORMA Web site include a list of U.S. public library Web sites with information in Spanish. This amazing document gives each library's home page, and then a brief description of its offerings. Forty states are included, and reading down the list it is clear that libraries all over the United States — from California to Kansas to Arkansas to New York — are responding to their communities.

They are all — as it is so well put in REFORMA's language rights statement — committed to the idea that "...libraries are beacons and gateways to immigrant populations..."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

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■ Readers with the Great Books Discussion club meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. to discuss selected books on this year's theme of "Parent and Child." The September book is "New African" by Andrea Lee; the October book is "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams; and the November book is "The Judgment" by Franz Kafka. Drop-ins are welcome.

■ Starting Sept. 26, the library will offer free drop-in homework help for students in third through fifth grades. The Homework Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays (except county holidays), from 3 to 5 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required.

■ The Friends of the Albany Library annual meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4. It will feature local author Ellen Ekstrom reading from her new novel, "The Legacy, a historical novel set in 14th century Italy. A special cake will be served. Everyone is invited.

■ The library presents a drop-in poetry-writing workshop led by Alison Seevak from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

■ The library presents featured poet Camille T. Dungy from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5. A new associate professor of creative writing at San Francisco State University, Dungy has taught and published widely, earning many awards, including ones from the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Antiquarian Society. For this reading, Albany Library is joined by Berkeley's Black Oak Books to welcome Dungy to the Bay Area and celebrate her new Red Hen Press publication, "What to Eat, What to Drink, What to Leave for Poison."

■ The library presents story times in English and Spanish for babies, toddlers and preschoolers on Saturdays from Oct. 7 through Dec. 9 (except Nov. 25). This 30-minute drop-in program will include stories, songs and rhymes in both languages. Great for English and Spanish speakers, and for those just wanting an introduction to a second language.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. with Dale Allen Boland. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration required.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary.

■ Join the city of Albany, the Albany Library and the Albany Unified School District in the first Albany Reads program. Copies of this year's book, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, are available at the library through November. The library will also gratefully accept donated copies in good condition. A book discussion led by Susan Charlip will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Albany Community Center. On Oct. 25, the film "Osama" will be shown followed by a discussion led by Elsie De Laere and Marianne Grady from 7 to 9 p.m. at the community center. The final event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the community center will feature Humaira Ghilzai and Elsie De Laere of Afghan Friends.

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■ The library will offer Internet classes on the following Saturdays at 10 a.m. All classes last one hour. Please register in advance. Sept. 23: All About E-mail; Sept. 30: Useful Web sites; Oct. 28: Finding Travel Information; Nov. 4: Newspaper & Magazine Articles; Nov. 25: Health and Medical Information.

■ Children and their families are invited to the library for a series of seven Monday evening family story times from Sept. 25-Nov. 13. Each meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. and lasts about a half hour, will include songs and fingerplays as well as stories on a particular theme. The themes for the seven story times will be: Sept. 25 — Dinosaurs!; Oct. 2 — Mouse Tales; Oct. 9 — Twist & Twirl (stories about dancing); Oct. 16 — Splish Splash! (stories about bathtime); Oct. 23 — ABC/123; Oct. 30 — Cats & Bats & Pumpkins, Oh My! (Halloween stories); Nov. 6 — Silly Stories and Songs; Nov. 13 — Pizza Party! (Stories, crafts and snacks!)

■ The fall series of Lapsit storytimes (formerly known as Babytime and Toddlertime) will begin Sept. 28 and continue through Nov. 16. These story times, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplays in addition to the stories.

■ Readers Anonymous book club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. On Sept. 26, the group will discuss "Small Island" by Andrea Levy. Future titles: Oct. 24: "Color of the Sea" by John Hamamura; Nov. 28: "The Piano Tuner" by Daniel Mason; Dec. 19: "Motherless Brooklyn" by Jonathan Lethem

■ Taking the SAT this fall? Attend a free SAT strategy session from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28. An instructor from the Princeton Review in Berkeley will provide a general overview of the SAT, strategies to improve your test scores, and time to work through sample problems. Advance registration is required. To sign up in advance, call the public library or stop by the Information Desk.

■ If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hourlong appointments Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.
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■ The next meeting of the library's book club will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, when it will discuss "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. On Oct. 23, it will discuss "The Piano Tuner" by David Mason.

■ Meetings of the library's knitting club, "Castoffs," are scheduled for 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month. All levels are welcome, and some help will be provided.

■ Honk like a goose and chatter like a chimp as children's author Gretchen Woelfle reads her book "Animal Families, Animal Friends" at 7 p.m. on Oct. 3. Learn how an idea becomes a published book. All ages are welcome.

■ A special show about live bats will be presented by Maggie Hooper and the Bat Conservation Fund at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24. There will be a limited number of free tickets available, beginning on Monday, Oct. 16. This show is appropriate for children over 4 years old.

Contra Costa County

■ "Books for the Homebound," a volunteer service of the Contra Costa County Library, is seeking volunteers to deliver books to West County residents who are living in convalescent homes or who are homebound. By selecting library books and delivering them to the homebound individual, volunteers can share their love of books and provide a valuable service to senior citizens and other homebound readers. Training in books selection and special services available to homebound patrons will be provided by the library. Hours are flexible; fingerprinting is required. For more information, contact Susan LaPat, Contra Costa County Library volunteer coordinator, at 925-927-3211.

— Craig Lazzeretti

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ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

CAMPUS CRUISER: The Campus Cruiser program is looking for volunteers. Parents or adults walk the campus grounds and the surrounding area. Working in pairs, Campus Cruisers watch for people who don't belong and encourage appropriate behavior. Lunch time and mid-afternoon are the most important times, 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information or to get involved, please contact Kathy Henley at 510-525-3506 or KeyRouteIrregulars@gmail.com.

CAREER DAY: Albany High School's annual Career Day is a PTSA-sponsored half-day event that allows students in all grades to meet people working in a wide range of career fields and hear first-hand about their experiences. This year's Career Day is set for Nov. 16. The PTSA is looking for parents of lowerclassmen who can help into the future. Please contact Career coordinator Becca Burns at 510-558-2508 if you have any questions or comments.

WRITERCOACH CONNECTION: Did you ever wish you could really learn to help your student with his or her writing assignments? Now you can get free training to do exactly that, while you are being trained to help other students in the WriterCoach Connection program, which starts its third year at AHS in a few weeks. You will sit one-on-one with a student in his or her English class, helping with his or her writing assignment. All ninth-grade English students get the coaching, thanks to you and the other volunteer coaches. A commitment of one class period a week from you will do it. Training is under way now, and coaching starts soon, so contact coordinators Teresa Barnett at 510-526-6748 or Peg Healy at 510-524-6230, or either of them at ahssitecoord@yahoo.com.

TEEN CAFE: Starting Friday, Oct. 6, the teen cafe, Cafe Teria, will open. This cafe will feature different entertainment such as movies, poetry slams, AHS films, contests and games. It will be serving a menu of food that will change each night. If you would like to become a member of the Cafe Club then sign up at lunch, the main office or e-mail at Albanycafetena@yahoo.com.

COLLEGE NEWS: College Bound Seniors and Parents: Save Thursday, Sept. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. in the AHS Theater for College Application Information Night. This evening is for all four-year-college-bound seniors and their parents. AHS Counselors will present important information on the application process to California State Universities (CSUs), University of California (UCs) and private colleges. More information will follow — meanwhile, sign-ups for the PSAT on Saturday, Oct. 21 start Oct. 2. College Night is Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7:30– 9 p.m., and Financial Aid Night is Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7-8:45 p.m.

GIRL'S CIRCLE: What's that? It's for girls. It's free. It's confidential. It's a time to talk about things that really matter to you in a small group, with no judgment. Come find out for yourself on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 3:30 in Room 202. Informational meeting, snacks, all the details. Bring a friend or two. Want to know more before then? Come see Sarah Pichler in the WorkAbility office or Shelly Ball in Room 111

Albany Middle School

WRITERCOACH CONNECTION: The WriterCoach Connection program begins for eighth-grade English students in a few weeks. Writer coaches are trained volunteers from the community, just like you. You don't have to be a writer or an editor. A commitment of as little as one class period a week will put you one-on-one with a student in the library, working on his or her writing assignment during English class. Contact AMS coordinators Jen Daly at 510-558-8265 or Karen Larson at 510.558.8806, or either of them at amscoaching@gmail.com.

WEEKLY WEEDERS: Have a free hour on Wednesday mornings? Come join a crew of Wednesday Weekly Weeders and help the school become more beautiful and green. They meet in front of the school at 8:45 on Wednesdays, and work their magic on the green spaces of the school for an hour. All are welcome, and no gardening experience is necessary. Questions? Contact Penny Barthel at 510-528-2242 or plantmuse@earthlink.net.

BOOK FAIR: The Book Fair is scheduled to be open the week of Oct. 16-19. It will be open the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday, which are the dates for the potlucks that are also scheduled that week. This event requires extensive help from volunteers. If you can help, contact Debra Dove Masterson at albanyclan@comcast.net or 510-524-2602, and include your phone number when e-mailing or calling.

CAMP ARROYO: Calling all sixth grade parents. Camp Arroyo field trips are quickly approaching. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparations for the fall and spring trips. Please contact the following task leaders for more information or ways that you can help out. Spellathon Fundraiser: correct spelling tests and organize pledge letters, contact Adria-Ann McMurray at aamcmurray@sbcglobal.net. Transportation: check rates and schedule buses, contact Melanie Wentz at melaniewentz@ sbcglobal.net. Departure days: set up a luggage and gear check for days of departure, contact: Holly Miyaashiro at hollykim66@sbcglobal.net. Chaperone folders: copy and organize folder information, contact Monica Eisenhardt at monica.eisenhardt@usfmedctr.org.

HOMEWORK HELP: Starting Sept. 26, the Albany library will offer free drop-in homework help for students in third through fifth grades. The Homework Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays (except county holidays), from 3 to 5 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required. For more information, contact Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720, ext. 17 or jwinkelstein@ aclibrary.org.

Cornell Elementary

PTA MEMBERSHIP: Fill out your PTA membership form, write a check to Cornell PTA for the $25 membership dues, and turn these into the membership folder in the PTA file box at the school office. Membership forms are also available at the school office. Remember, joining the PTA is one of the easiest ways to stay involved in your child's school.

FUND-RAISERS: Students have brought home information about three ways families can raise money for the school just by shopping: 1) eScrip, 2) Albertsons Community Partners and 3) "paper" scrip. With eScrip, you register your Safeway Club card, Macy's credit card and other debit/credit cards. Every time you use your Safeway card, Macy's card or debit/credit cards (at an eScrip partner store), the PTA gets a small percentage of the purchase amount. Albertsons has its own program, Albertsons Community Partners. Once you register your Albertsons Preferred Savings card with the Community Partners program, the PTA receives a percentage each time you use your card while shopping at Albertsons. If you have questions or need help signing up, contact Allan at 510-459-1054 or at raresppp@sbcglobal.net. With scrip, you order gift certificates or gift cards through the PTA and spend them like cash (or give them as gifts). You get the full dollar amount to spend, and the school gets a percentage, ranging from 1.5 percent to 25 percent but averaging about 5 percent. The PTA uses the Great Lakes Scrip Center (Great Lakes) program. Also on the order form is scrip from the Natural Grocery Company (Berkeley and El Cerrito), Ranch 99 Market, and the Solano Avenue Association (30 local merchants such as Andronico's and Five Little Monkeys accept these gift certificates). Questions? Call Karen at 415-865-7212 (work) or 510-525-1356 (home), or e-mail danielmom@sbcglobal.net.

Marin Elementary

SCRIP PROGRAM: Paper SCRIP is available for Andronico's, Peets, Natural Grocery, Ranch 99, and Berkeley Bowl. To purchase SCRIP, fill out an order form (available in the office) and drop it back in the SCRIP box in the office, with your check payable to Marin PTA. Your order will be ready for pickup in the office within a day or two.

PTA DRIVE: The PTA membership drive is under way. Basic family dues are $35. Families who are able to contribute more are encouraged to do so, and those who can afford less are welcome to give what they are comfortable with. Every bit of money that comes in helps, and the children benefit directly. Completed membership forms can be sent to your child's teacher or to the office.

Ocean View Elementary

READING PROGRAM: First-third grades early/late reading is under way, allowing for one hour of small-group reading instruction at the beginning and end of each day. Classroom teachers make the schedule assignments based on what they consider to be the best instructional setting for your child. All of the child care programs in the area are aware of the staggered schedule, but please remind your caregiver and advise him or her of your child's early/late schedule.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK: The International Potluck is the evening of Sept. 29.

BULB SALES: Now is the time to plan your garden and raise money for Ocean View. Bulb sales information has come home with students. For information, contact Dawn Kawamoto at dawn.kawamoto@cnet.com.

ETREE: It's easy to stay connected with Ocean View events with the etree at groups.yahoo.com. Search for Ocean View. A Yahoo ID and password is required, but easy to arrange.

HEALTH FAIR: A district-wide Health Fair promoting Family Health and Fitness Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 at Memorial Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. More information to come.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The PTA is busily planning a year full of events at Ocean View. It's looking for volunteers who are interested in supporting programs. Please attend the next meeting on Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in the library. Free child care is provided.

BOX TOPS: If you purchase products with the "Box Tops for Education" logo, cut them out and put them in the Box Tops for Education box in the Ocean View office.

Education funders

NOCHE TROPICAL: SchoolCARE's "Noche Tropical" third annual silent auction party will take place Saturday, Nov. 4 from 7-10 p.m. in the Albany Community Center. Save the date and plan on coming out to enjoy the great food, drink, live music and incredible auction items. Albany school families can donate gift certificates, vacation home stays, theater and sports tickets, services of all kinds and new gobds such as toys or fine home furnishings. All individuals who donate will be included in the auction catalog; this is an excellent way to advertise your small business to the community. Use the orange or yellow form sent home from the schools. Please contact Amy St. George with any questions at 510-528-0848 or a_saint@pacbell. net.

SCHOOLCARE SIGNS: Did you plant a SchoolCARE sign in your yard? Make your annual donation? Now, Albany students are reaping what you sowed. SchoolCARE donations this past year have sprouted a harvest of educational support services and enrichment offerings. As the students enjoy the fruits of this community labor, please help by making arrangements to store your sign until next year or arrange to have it picked up. If you'd like a pick-up, please contact Bob Guletz at bbguletz@sbcglobal.net with your address.

— Bob Menzimer

E-mail school notes to Bob Menzimer at bmenzimer@cctimes.com

EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON SCHOOL NOTES

Harding Elementary

Welcome back barbecue: School and community members welcome, noon to 3 p.m. on Sept. 30 in Harding Park. Enter on C Street. Fatapples has provided free hot dogs.

PTA to meet: The next PTA meeting is at 7 p.m. on Oct. 2 in the school library. Childcare provided. Everyone welcome.

Box Tops for Education: Box tops and labels needed by Oct. 20 deadline. Supports the HASEP scholarship fund.

PTA membership drive: Goal is 100 percent enrollment. Membership envelopes available in the office. For a full list of activities the PTA supports visit hardingpta.org/pta

School Wish List: Office staff needs a shredder, label maker machine, electric stapler, electric typewriter, and white and colored copier paper.

Ice cream sales: Helpers needed to sell ice cream at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Call the office at 510-231-1413.

Lunch and recess volunteers: Parents and community members can volunteer as little as one day per month from 11:40-1:10 p.m. 510-231-1413.

Kensington Hilltop

KEF Telethon: The annual telethon is at 4 p.m. on Oct. 8, when envelopes should be returned. A member of the Kensington Education Fund board will answer any questions about enrichment programs. For more details visit kensingtonschool.org/kef.html.

Traffic safety committee: Join this new committee to discuss traffic patterns, the safety of children getting to and from school, and the concerns of the neighbors. For details e-mail PTA President Katherine Meurer, JK-Meurer@aol.com.

Library volunteers: There are openings for book shelvers, class visit volunteers, recess and lunchtime volunteers. Orientation meeting in September. E-mail Donna Ramsey at donnaramsey_94530@yahoo.com.

Garden Party: Volunteers needed for the Nov. 11 fund-raiser. Details: kensingtonschool.org/kef/garden06.html

El Cerrito High School

UC leadership scholarship: A $32,000 scholarship to UC Berkeley is awarded annually to an El Cerrito High senior through the Incentive Awards Program that also emphasizes leadership development. Qualifying students must have at least a 3.5 unweighted UC grade point average, be from a lower-income family and have considerable school or community service. An informational meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Sept. 25 in room 4. Income lines are somewhat somewhat students uncertain of status should come to the tion.

Progress report night p.m. on Sept. 26.

Mountain bike racing: ested in joining the team sign up in room #61 or michael@echsmtb.com. bike experience is necessary they have bikes available comers started. Meetings ers start in early October. rides begin in mid-November.

Teacher wish lists: The Academy urgently needs index cards, at least 1,000 Contact Rich Cohen at limited@sbcglobal.net

■ Ms. Russell is looking for of the Scarlet Letter and 1 Dick. Or she can buy copies each if someone wants to Barnes & Noble gift card. at travlyn.russell@gw

■ Math teacher Jim Lindh black markers for the wh small binders and a bookc him at jim@jerel.com

■ The P.E. department crowave. Contact Rick coach6994804@yahoo.com

Steel workers pack lawsuit hearing

By Doug Oakley
MEDIANEWS

Berkeley steel workers packed a federal courtroom Wednesday in San Francisco for a hearing on a lawsuit that alleges their employer, Pacific Steel Casting, is violating limits on odorous fumes that blanket the surrounding neighborhood.

Federal Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman took under consideration a motion filed by Communities for a Better Environment under the Clean Air Act, which seeks to force Pacific Steel to abide by terms it agreed to in a settlement reached last December with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Zimmerman said he wants a representative of the management district to testify in court as to the exact terms of the agreement.

The air quality district is also suing Pacific Steel for the same reason in Alameda County Court.

Both sides in the suit argued over the meaning of the settlement agreement — specifically the level of emissions allowed to come out of the plant — but neither side could convince the judge.

About 35 union workers from Pacific Steel filled the courtroom because they feared that a ruling against the steel plant would cost them their jobs, said company spokeswoman Elisabeth Jewel.

At issue is one of the company's three Berkeley plants, which has increased steel production over the last few years.

"If there was an injunction to shut down the third plant, that would mean an immediate loss of 200 jobs," Jewel said before the hearing.

But during the hearing, attorney Helen Kang told Zimmerman that Communities for a Better Environment does not want to shut down the plant; it simply wants the company to stop polluting Berkeley.

"We want compliance," Kang said. "We have no intention to shut down plant three."

The settlement agreement required odor-control measures and an odor-control management plan. The company also agreed to install odor-control equipment at a cost of $2 million but has not yet done so.

In August, the air district sued Pacific Steel in Alameda County for failing to adhere to the agreement. At the time, it said the company had paid $38,500 ties for not complying also alleges Pacific Steel to obtain timely governovals from Berkeley district for installation of abatement system as the settlement agreement

Jewel blamed Berk dragging its feet on mits for the filter.

Zimmerman said he order Pacific Steel to the air district settlement unless Commun Better Environment company is in violation.

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A spokesman for the ity district declined to

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and beverages are for purchase. Unless eady purchased your eline, you'll need to ers at the gate. The fee er person for ages 11 $1 for kids ages 5-10 d 4 years old and un- ee. Festival hours are 7 p.m. with music t 11 a.m. Parking is more information call 2513.

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SHAROL NELSON-EMBRY
Park It

about the Tilden programs, contact the staff at 510-525-2233.

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Do you wonder how to find out what activities are available on a particular weekend or in a specific Regional Park? The park district's Web site is a great tool to plan for your next great outdoor adventure. Start by navigating to www.ebparks.org, and go to "Activities." Choose "WebReg," then "Programs and Activities," then "Advanced Search." From that Web page you can select the park or dates you're interested in, and a list of activities will appear below. You can even sign up right there for many activities requiring registration. You can also research the many regional parks and trails near you by browsing them online.

The Park District's Activity Guide, "Regional in Nature," is another good source of program information. It's distributed every two months through newspapers like this one and also available at Regional Park visitor centers as well as the Central Reservations office in Oakland.

If you'd like to receive a monthly listing of activities near you, please contact the visitor center nearest you for a free mailing of local activities. It's also available online at www.ebparks.org under "Activities/Nature Nearby."

Your local visitor center can also let you know whether there is still space available for fall school program sign-ups. Each visitor center offers special field study programs, many of them free, based on the park resource.

Sharol Nelson-Embry is the supervising naturalist of the Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda. She is currently on leave from her regular duties and writing the weekly Park It column. Contact Sharol at bob-sharol@alamedanet.net.

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays, one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. For a complete listing, visit ContraCostaTimes.com and click "other editions." Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to voice@cctimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

MUSIC

■ **Opera recital** — 3 p.m. Sept. 24. Tenor Rolando Villazón sings arias of Schumann, Bononcini, Handel, Massenet and more. Bryndon Hassman on piano. Hertz Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus. $68. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Benefit concert** — 2-6 p.m. Sept. 24. Classical and jazz by Bay Area musicians and outstanding music students. Proceeds help restore 1909 Steinway piano at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists Hall. 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. $5 donation. Details: 510-841-4824.

■ **Berkeley Chamber Performances** — concert, 8 p.m. Sept. 26. Maybeck Trio performs Debussy, Janacek, Mendelssohn, Zimlinsky. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. $20. Details: 510-525-5211 or www.berkeley-chamberperform.org.

■ **Noon Concert Series** — 12:15-1 p.m. Wednesdays, Hertz Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus. Sept. 27: Orchestral Concerto University Symphony Orchestra plays Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar. Free. Details: http://music.berkeley.edu/calendar.

■ **Rhythmic Concepts, Inc.** — JazzCamp West Benefit, 1 p.m. Oct. 1. Jazz singers Sheila Jordan and Mark Murphy in concert. Hors d'oeuvres, dessert, wine, beverages. Amphitheatre in Berkeley Hills. $125. Details: 510-287-8880 or www.jazzcampwest.com.

■ **MusicSources** — Harpsichord concert: An Evening with Antonio Soler, 5 p.m. Oct. 8. Santa Fe's Kathleen McIntosh and Friends perform works of Antonio Soler. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Details: 510-528-1685 or www.musicsources.org.

■ **Cal Performances** — recital, 3 p.m. Oct. 8. Siberian violinist Maxim Vengerov, pianist Lilya Zilberstein perform works of Mozart, Beethoven, Prokofiev, and Shostakovich. Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus. $36-$68. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Cal Performances** — Kirov Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theatre in concert, 7 p.m. Oct. 16. Features pianist Alexander Toradze. Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich. Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus. $38-$86. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Cal Performances** — "Acoustic Africa," 8 p.m. Oct. 18, features Vusi Mahlasela, Habib Koité and Bamada, and Dobet Gnahoré; $22-$42; tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu. Schooltime.performance, 11 a.m. Oct. 18; $4; 510-642-1082. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley campus.



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RABBI DAVID COOPER will talk on the subject of Fall Equinox rituals of the world and the values that these rituals enforce at the Autumnal Equinox Gathering, Saturday, 6:15-7:15 p.m. at the Interim Solar Calendar, Cesar Chavez Park, 11 Spinnaker Way, Marina/Northwest Berkeley. This year the Fall Equinox falls just after the new moon, which coincides with the beginning of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and the Jewish holy month of Tishrei. Bring your science questions about the working of the sun, moon and earth. Learn about some of the Equinox celebrations of the world — Islamic Ramadan and Jewish Tishrei. For more information, go to www.solarcalendar.org or ecologycenter.org/chavez.

FILM/DANCE/STAGE

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — "Church House, Dope House, Dream House," 8 p.m. Sept. 22-23, 3 p.m. Sept. 24. VIP gala reception, 7 p.m. Sept. 22. Talkback after Sept. 24 performance. Local actor Yehmanja's one-woman show. Thrust Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. $25. Tickets: www.churchhousedopehousedreamhouse.org. Group sales, reception tickets: Stephanie, 510-735-6922.

■ **Classical Savion** — 8 p.m. Sept. 22. Tap dancer Savion Glover performs to works of Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Dvorák and Bartók. Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley Campus. $28-$68. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "The Orchid Sandwich (Madness on Madrona Drive)," Sept. 22-Oct. 21. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., 2 p.m. on Oct. 1, 8 and 15. Louis Flynn's comedy/mystery. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. $11-$18. Details: 510-524-9132 or www.ccct.org.

■ **Deep Root Dance Collective** — "Envoi," 8 p.m. Sept. 22-23. New work based on literature from Dostoyevsky to Shel Silverstein, Pablo Neruda to a Slovakian travel guide, presented by dance collective. Reception, Q&A to follow. 8th Street Studio Theater, 2525 8th St., Berkeley. $8-$15; discount given for book donation for a local literacy program. Details: deeprootdance@gmail.com.

■ **Film screening** — "The Gifts of Grief," 7-9:30 p.m. Sept. 22. Nancy Sobonya's documentary explores how seven people became more courageous and compassionate by facing pain and embracing loss. Film discussion with Sobonya follows. Unity of Berkeley, 2075 Eunice St., Berkeley. $15 donation. Details: 510-528-8844 or www.unityberkeley.org.

■ **Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center** — Pele Juju + the Shelley Doty X-Tet, 9:30 p.m. Sept. 22, $15-$17; swing dance lesson, 8 p.m. Sept. 23, with Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers at 9:30 p.m., $11-$13; Flamenco Open Stage with Yaelisa, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24, $10; Edwin presents Reggae Dancehall Djs, 11 p.m. Sept. 24, free; Cajun/Zydeco dance lesson, 8 p.m. Sept. 26, with Tom Rigney & Flambeau at 8:30 p.m., $9; swing dance lesson, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27, with Bernard Anderson & the Old School Band at 8:30 p.m., $9; Digital Dave, 10 p.m. Sept. 28, $6; Grapefruit Ed + Bill Cutler and the Hounds of Time, 9:30 p.m. Sept. 29, $11-$13. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — Toshi Reagon, 8 p.m. Sept. 22, $15. Los Boleros, 9:30 p.m. Sept. 23, $12. Grito de Lares Celebration, 4-7:30 p.m. Sept. 24, $10-$15. Celebrate Oaxaca film and concert, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27, $13-$15. Radio Zapatista, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28, $5-$10. Jon Fromer, Francisco Herrera, and Molotov Mouths, 8 p.m. Sept. 29, $10-$25. "Special Circumstances" screening, 8 p.m. Sept. 30, $8-$10. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

■ **Mahea Uchiyama Center for International Dance** — "A Walk by the Sea," 8 p.m. Sept. 23. Ceremony of dance, song and storytelling explores identity and healing. Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. $20. Tickets: 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Cal Performances** — Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 23. Forty-five member company perform five lively dances. Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus. $22-$42. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Pacific Film Archive** — screenings and more. "Sherlock Jr.," 4 p.m. Sept. 24. "The Man with a Movie Camera," 5:30 p.m. Sept. 24. "Charming Augustine," 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26. "The Serial and the Mechanical Age," 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28. "The Magic Lantern and the Mechanical Age," 7 p.m. Sept. 30. "Pandora's Box: The Engineer's Plot," "The General Line," 2:30 p.m. Oct. 1. "Alternative Requirements: Works by Bay Area Visionaries," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3. Screenings at 2625 Durant Ave., No. 2250, Berkeley. 510-642-0808, www.bampfa.berkeley.edu.

■ **Crosspulse Rhythm Duo** — "Finding the Rhythm Around Us," 2 p.m. Sept. 24. Exciting blend of music and dance. Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. $7.50 children, $12.50 adult; 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Film & Discussion** — Screenings at 7-10 p.m. "Adaptation," Sept. 27. "Water," Oct. 4. "The Devil Wears Prada," Oct. 11. Jewish Community Center of the East Bay, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. $3-$5 donation. Details: 510-848-0237, Ext. 132 or brigetb@brjcc.org.

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■ **Shotgun Players** — "Love is a Dream House in Lorin," Thursdays-Sundays at 8 p.m., Sept. 28-Nov. 5. Previews 8 p.m. Sept. 26-27. Marcus Gardley's play, inspired by stories of South Berkeley neighborhood. Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. $15-$30. Details: 510-841-6500 or www.shotgunplayers.org.

■ **Dancing the Living Goddess** — experimental workshop with Laura Shannon, 7 p.m. Sept. 29 to 6 p.m. Oct. 1. Traditional women's circle dances from the Balkans contain relevant messages on sustainability, community, reverence for the feminine. Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navellier St., El Cerrito. $210. Details: Catherine, 510-528-2261.

■ **Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies** — U.C. Berkeley. "Suburban Motel" by George Walker, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 29-Nov. 19. Set in a run down motel room, the play is a series of six dark and comic plays inhabited by desperate individuals who have fallen through cracks of society. Zellerbach Playhouse. $8-$14. Tickets: 866-468-3399 or www.ticketweb.com. Details: http://theater.berkeley.edu.

■ **Book and DVD release events** — launch Amy Gorman's book "Aging Artfully, Greg Young's DVD "Still Kicking" and Frances Kandl's CD "7 Songs of Women." Musicians play from CD, film showing, and book reading, 7 p.m. Sept. 29, Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., $10, 510-527-4977.

■ **Active Arts Theatre for Young Audiences** — "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," 11:30 a.m. Sept. 30, Oct. 14; 2 p.m. Sept. 30, Oct. 1, Oct. 8-9, Oct. 14-15. Madcap day of a six-year-old. Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. $10-$18. Tickets: 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **"King Arthur"** — 8 p.m. on Sept. 30, Oct. 3, Oct. 5-7; features Mark Morris Dance Group, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, UC Chamber Chorus and more; Zellerbach Hall, $42-$110, tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu. "Mark Morris Dance Group at 25" exhibit, Sept. 30, Oct. 3, 5-7. Photography exhibit by Katsuyoshi Tanaka in Zellerbach Hall's Mezzanine Lobby. Sightlines pre-performance talks, Oct. 3 and Oct. 6 at 7-7:30 p.m. "King Arthur: Chaucer, Purcell, Dryden and Morris" round table discussion, 2-4 p.m. Oct. 6 in Hertz Hall. U.C. Berkeley campus.

■ **Benefit screening** — "Milarepa," 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30. Tibetan lama Neten Chokling's film about folk hero. Part of proceeds benefit Tibetan monks and orphans. Wheeler Hall Auditorium, U.C. Berkeley campus. Details: 877-697-2998 or www.milarepamovie.com.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** — "Salome," through Oct. 1. Oscar Wilde's tragedy. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. $28-$45. Tickets: 510-843-4822, www.auroratheatre.org.

■ **Target® Family Series** — monthly theatre classes for entire family, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3. Berkeley Rep School of Theatre, Nevo Education Center, 2071 Addison St., Berkeley. Free. Bring a book for John Muir Elementary School library. Details: 510-647-2972 or www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Ecology Center** — free film series at 7-9 p.m. Oct. 5: "Life + Debt." Oct. 12: "The Future of Food." Oct. 19: "Thirst." Oct. 26: "Bum's Paradise" and "Up Close & Toxic." 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-548-2220, Ext. 233.

■ **Berkeley Video & Film Festival 2006** — Oct. 6-8, Oaks Theatre, 1875 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Tickets and schedule: http://berkeleyvideofilmfest.org.

■ **Cal Performances** — 50-member Balinese music and dance ensemble Gamelan Sekar Jaya performs "Kali Yuga," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 14, $20-$32. Pre-performance talk, 7-7:30 p.m. Oct. 14; free to ticketholders. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu. Schooltime performance, 11 a.m. Oct. 13, $4, 510-642-1082. Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus.

■ **Central Works** — Gary Graves' "Andromache," Thursdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 5 p.m. Oct. 13-Nov. 19. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. $9-$25. Details: 510-558-1381 or www.centralworks.org.

■ **Cal Performances** — Comic Paula Poundstone, 7 p.m. Oct. 15. Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus. $24-$46. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **California Shakespeare Theater** — "As You Like It," through Oct. 15; showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday. William Shakespeare's romantic comedy. Bruns Amphitheater, 100 Gateway Blvd., Orinda. $15-$57. Tickets: 510-548-9666 or www.calshakes.org.

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — "Mother Courage," through Oct. 22. Bertolt Brecht's anti-war masterpiece filled with laughter, song, and sorrow. Showtimes: Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Thursdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. $33-$61. Tickets: 510-647-2949, 888-4-BRT-Tix or www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Impact Theatre** — "Colorado," Thursdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., through Oct. 28. Peter Sinn Nachtrieb's dark comedy. La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. $10-$15. Details: 510-464-4468 or www.impacttheatre.com.

LITERARY EVENTS

■ **Rhythm and Muse** — Events at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Piano and two mics available. Upcoming: Upsurge! with Zigi Lowenberg and Raymond Nat Turner, Sept. 23; Selene Steese, Oct. 14; Al Van Dine, Nov. 11; Felice York and Eliza Shefler, Dec. 9. Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Free; donations appreciated. 510-304-0483, 510-644-6893, 510-527-9753.

■ **Mrs. Dalloway's Literary & Garden Arts** — Readings and more. Poet/architect Murray Silverstein reads from "Any Old Wolf" and "Patterns of Home," 4 p.m. Sept. 24. Brian Morton reads from "Breakable You," 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29. Caroline Lovell photograph exhibit, through Sept. 30. 2904 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-704-8222, www.mrsdalloways.com.

■ **Poetry Express** — Readings at 7 p.m. Open mic hosted by Mark States, plus featured writers. Open mic theme night "favorite poems," Sept. 25. After 5 p.m., mention reading for 20 percent meal discount. Priya Indian Cuisine, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: berkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com.

■ **Aquarian Minyan Author Series** — Jewish Writers in the Bay Area, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27. Naomi Rose discusses "The Portable Blessings Ledger." Jewish Community Center of the East Bay, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Details: 510-465-3935 or www.aquarianminyan.org.

■ **Pegasus Books** — ing Series, 7 p.m. Oct. 3 reads from "The Comm Steckel reads poetry fro water Hospital." 2349 Th Berkeley. Free.

■ **Black Oak Books** — ans Reflecting on War a Maxine Hong Kingston a ans, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12. H Henry Chang reads from tery "Chinatown Beat." 1441 Shattuck Ave., Berke

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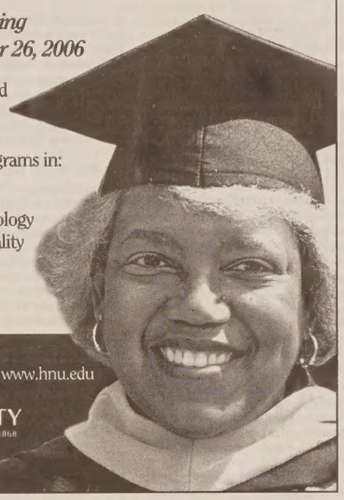


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BIO BOX

Dean Kertesz

Age: 51

Birthplace: Oakland

Education: Bachelor's degree in American history from Reed College. Studied at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley; was a Wexner Heritage Foundation fellow. Now finishing studies at Academy for Jewish Religion, California.

Family: Wife, Carla Cassler; daughter, Simone, 16; son, Avi, 12.

Occupation: Rabbi at Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Temple Beth Hillel invites everyone to its High Holy Day services. The temple, at 801 Park Central, one block east of Interstate 80 off Hilltop Drive in Richmond, welcomes interfaith families, those who know Hebrew and those who don't. For first-timers, the fee is $240 for a family and $135 for an individual, which includes all Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services. Free child care for young children and a free program for older children will be offered during the services, but reservations are required.

Rosh Hashana services are at 7:30 p.m. today and 10 a.m. Saturday.

Yom Kippur services are at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 and 10 a.m. Oct. 2.

To learn more about services or Temple Beth Hillel, visit www.templebethhillelrichmond.org or call 510-223-2560.

thought about for many years, but I wasn't ready," he said. "In my mid-40s, I decided it was what I wanted to do, and I pursued it part time."

The catalyst came during a time of reflection.

"I remember reading about terminally ill patients, and in the article they always seemed to have something they wanted to do and didn't do it," he said. "I didn't want to be that way. I was 45, and I realized I didn't want to be lying on my death bed saying 'I wish I'd gone to rabbinical school.'"

So he did just that, attending the Academy for Jewish Religion, California, in Los Angeles part time for five years.

"That was a momentous decision, to stop running away from a calling I'd had for a long, long time, probably since I was a teenager," Kertesz said. "Fortunately, I have a wife who was willing to support me in this quest."

Carla Cassler, Kertesz's wife, said: "When we came back from Israel after a couple of years, it was clear that was a possibility and that he had a passion for it.

"I said, 'Go for it.' "

Kertesz's calling brought him back to Beth Hillel, the synagogue where he was confirmed and became a bar mitzvah.

"My parents joined in the late 1950s," he said. "They were regular working-class folks, small-shop owners."

The temple itself, on the east side of Interstate 80 off Hilltop Drive in Richmond, was "built by hand," he said. "It's lovingly made in that sense. It's not big, it's not slick. It's the people's commitment that sustains it."

Kertesz, Cassler and their children — daughter, Simone, 16, and son, Avi, 12 — are now back in West County, living in El Cerrito and very much involved at Beth Hillel.

As a Reform Judaism congregation, Beth Hillel has more flexibility than more traditional Conservative or Orthodox synagogues. Its members include a large percentage of interfaith, interracial and same-sex households.

"It's a very open and welcoming community and congregation," Kertesz said. "And it reflects that in its diversity."

The new rabbi's outlook appears to mesh well with that diversity.

"My theological view is that we find God in community," Kertesz said. "That we care for each other — whether it's visiting someone in the hospital or bringing food to someone who's lost a loved one — that's where we find God, is in those moments."

That also means extending the church's visibility in the larger community. Beth Hillel will celebrate its 60th anniversary this fall. It remains the only synagogue in West Contra Costa County, a large area stretching from El Cerrito to Crockett. The temple also is one of the founding members of the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, a nonprofit organization of 51 multicultural and multiracial congregations that addresses issues related to poverty.

Yet even with its long-standing presence and involvement, Beth Hillel remains unknown to many.

"I am not sure that many people who have moved into Crockett, Hercules and Pinole are aware that there's this little synagogue on the Richmond line," Kertesz said. "Part of my goal is to get more people aware of the temple."

Kertesz already has been active with the interfaith nonprofit group and has been asked to speak at an upcoming meeting about Jewish tradition and the nature of thanksgiving.

He said he also plans to make sure Beth Hillel is involved in other areas, "whether it's teaching in the community, participating in ecumenical events, doing social service work or being available to different communities." On Sept. 11, he spoke at an interfaith candlelight vigil at Unitarian Universalist Church in Kensington to remember victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

As more people learn about the temple, Kertesz also invites them to come and learn about the congregation he found so welcoming growing up and again as an adult.

"My hope is that people seeking a real close, intimate Jewish community that's really supportive and cares about them and is also open to a diverse congregation will come to Hillel," he said. "Because that's what drew me back here."

The temple invites newcomers to consider coming to Beth Hillel for the holidays.

Those who do come will find a small but diverse and welcoming community.

"One of the special things about Temple Beth Hillel is that it's a very small congregation where people really care about each other," Kertesz said. "They respect and care about each other. It's a real community."

Reach Chris Treadway at ctreadway@cctimes.com or 510-262-2784.

Street resurfacing work delayed

EL CERRITO — The city's 2006 street resurfacing project has been put on hold for several months.

The City Council voted unanimously Monday to reject all bids submitted for the program, in which one of two surface seals would have been put on sections of three dozen streets, after the successful bidder requested relief from its bid.

Instead of staring work in September, the project will probably begin in April, said Public Works Director Jerry Bradshaw.

The city staff had prepared a recommendation to award the bid for the City Council's Aug. 21 meeting. The day of the meeting, however, the city was informed there was a clerical error in the company's bid and it would be seeking relief from its bid, according to a staff report.

Staffers then pulled the item off the agenda to evaluate the validity of the claim.

The second lowest bidder exceeded the project budget.

Missing the August meeting created a one-month delay in starting the project, which made it more likely there would be a conflict with winter weather, the staff report stated.

Bradshaw said the work would take about four to seven weeks.

The city plans on reopening the project to bidding in the early spring, when bids may be lower, the staff report states.

Bradshaw said the city had not set a date but would like to bid the project out in February or March, so work can begin as soon as the successful bidder is comfortable with the weather.

The potential increase in costs as a result of waiting are very marginal, Bradshaw said.

— Justin Hill

Johnson

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After the Albany Lions Club had some extra money from its Breakfast with Santa event in December, members decided to form a scholarship in Johnson's memory. The club then approached the city with a $500 donation.

"We wanted to do something in Bill Johnson's memory because we personally witnessed him doing so much," said Bruce Dixon, immediate past president of the club.

Johnson served as president of the Albany Lions in 1975 and 1976 and as district governor of Lions International District 4-C3 in 1994 and 1995. He also was the past president of the Lions Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children Inc.

Johnson earned a number of awards for his service, including Lions International District 4-C3 Lion of the Year in 1989-90.

He had a law practice in Albany and kept it in the city until he retired in 1995, even though he had moved to Pinole 17 years earlier.

Johnson's work in the community included volunteering with Rebuilding Together, which does free home repairs for low-income seniors and disabled people, and serving as the club's advisor to the Albany High School Leos Club.

"We want to keep his naming going in the community," said Ray Anderson, first vice president of the Albany Lions.

"It benefits the kids," he said, adding the scholarship is a good way to keep kids active and out of trouble

The Lions plan on funding the scholarship every year, though the amount will vary, Dixon said.

"Hopefully more than $500, but you never can tell," he said.

The city was working on the logistics of the scholarship fund, said Melinda Chinn, recreation and community services director.

Albany already has a general subsidy, currently budgeted at $1,000, that pays a maximum of $50 per family during each period when the thrice-yearly city brochure is issued..

The city will also offer child care and teens subsidies sometime this fiscal year.

Though no qualified people have been turned down, the general subsidy is fully used every year, Chinn said.

With the scholarship, more people can benefit, she said. If the city keeps the $50 maximum per family per brochure, another 10 people per year could be assisted.

"This just helps out the community even more," Chinn said.

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Police spoke to the suspects and released them at the BART station, but an officer later learned that one of the teens had lied about his identity, Horgan said, ostensibly because a warrant had been issued for his arrest in connection with a robbery.

Officers drove to the intersection of South 34th Street and Cutting Boulevard that afternoon to find the suspect, and he ran when he spotted them, Horgan said. He got away, but a distinctive car police connected to the suspect — a blue Suzuki with a red hatchback — happened to drive up as officers prepared to leave.

Police searched the car and found property taken from some of the mugging victims inside, Horgan said. They also searched the driver, 18-year-old Dawayne Jones, and found a cell phone from another victim.

Detectives then searched Jones' home, on the 400 block of Marina Way in Richmond, and found more property belonging to victims and several guns, Horgan said. They also found two 14-year-old boys who police say are suspects in the robberies.

Police booked Jones into County Jail in Martinez and booked the two juveniles into Juvenile Hall, all on suspicion of robbery. They continue to search for a 15-year-old suspect.

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■ **Sutter Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice** — flu shot clinics, Sept. 29-Jan. 6. $25 for flu shots, $35 for pneumonia shots. To find a nearby clinic: 800-500-2400 or www.sutterhealth.org/health/flushot/index.html or www.suttervna.org/services/services_flushot.html.

■ **Baxter Creek Gateway Park** — ribbon cutting, 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 30. Live music by local children's choirs, West County Winds Ensemble, "The Attenders;" children's activities, creek walk, educational exhibits, refreshments. Free T-shirts to those signing up to help care for creek and park. Ohlone Greenway between Conlon and Macdonald avenues in El Cerrito. Details: 510-215-4382.

■ **WCCUSD Resource Parent Program** — Special Education Resource Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 30. Food, entertainment; information from community agencies, recreational and after school care providers. Meet with special education staff, parent support groups, receive Individualized Education Plan binder to organize child's records. Cameron School, 7140 Gladys Ave., El Cerrito. Details: Jeanine, 510-526-8631.

■ **Progressive Democrats of the East Bay** — and East Bay Young Democratic Club present "Take Back the House," 3-5 p.m. Sept. 30. Features Pete McCloskey, Jerry McNerney and Charles Brown. Music included. Albatross Pub, 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. $30 advance, $35 at door. Details: 510-601-6456 or www.pdeastbay.org.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Pets available for adoption and temporary foster homes. Cats available 12-3 p.m. Sept. 30 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-267-1915, www.hopalong.org.

■ **American Red Cross** — blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 2. MLK Student Union, East Pauley Ballroom, U.C. Berkeley campus. Appointments: 800-GIVE-LIFE or www.BeADonor.com (code: UCB).

■ **Ecology Center** — Berkeley Sustainability Summit, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 6. Discover range of sustainability projects currently underway in Berkeley. Krutch Theater, Clark Kerr Campus, 2601 Warring St. $25. Details: 510-548-2220, Ext. 235 or www.ecologycenter.org/summit.

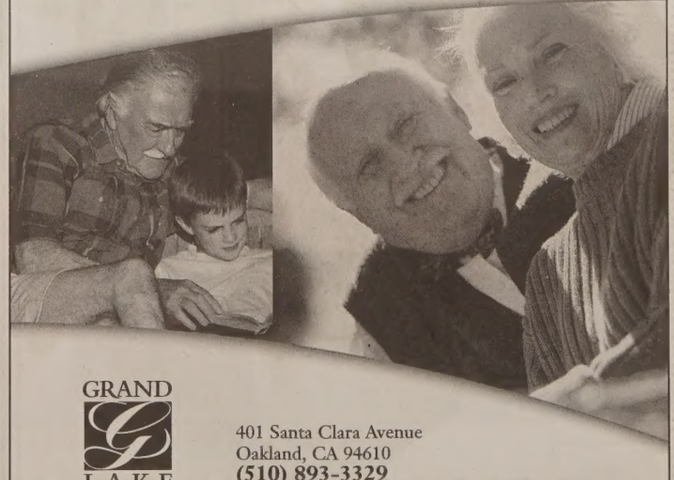
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Portables

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"Everything is safe based on he inspector, " he said.

The trailers are for temporary classrooms — the earliest they would be gone is December if construction goes as planned — and the DSA does not get involved in that, Wong said.

Not so, says the DSA.

In cases where portable buildings will be in place for fewer than two years and are being used during a modernization project or after a disaster when students are displaced from regular classrooms, the building itself is certified by the HCD, Branch said in an e-mail.

But a certified DSA inspector or the architect or engineer of the project needs to show the DSA proof of HCD approval. The agency must also be given proof that the portables are properly anchored on a conforming foundation system and that fire and life safety codes, structural safety codes and disabled access requirements are met.

There does not appear to be a timeline in which those requirements have to be submitted.

Candidate

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"I think it was very courageous of you to make your statement," Papalia told Wile. "Thank you very much."

City Clerk Jacqueline Bucholz said in an interview that Wile did not break any city laws and remains a candidate.

Police Chief Mike McQuiston said prior to the meeting Monday that the case was taken before the local branch office of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, and there was no interest in prosecuting it.

According to an Albany police report, Papalia's campaign manager and her daughter were passing out fliers on front porches on Ramona Street the morning of Sept. 13. A corner of each flier was slightly tucked under doormats.

The pair noticed that Wile was retracing their route and stopping at houses where they left fliers, the report says; they believed she intended to take the fliers.

The women said they returned to each house they had visited and contacted residents to see if they received their fliers. The women told police that in some cases, residents said they had not received the literature; in other cases, they found a flier completely hidden under the doormat, the report says.

One of the women said she saw Wile go onto property that already had a flier. The women returned to the residence and noticed the flier was not where they originally saw it, the police report says. The women told police they had not actually seen Wile take, destroy or hide fliers under doormats, according to the police report.

Wile said at Monday's meeting that she would, at her own expense, deliver Papalia's campaign piece to every doorstep in the city "as a personal penance and in an effort to try to make things right."

Residents at the meeting also voiced their displeasure that campaign signs had been stolen over the weekend and asked that they be returned to their homes.

Albany police received more than a dozen reports of campaign signs stolen over the weekend. All the stolen signs were for Wile and Marge Atkinson, who are running as the "Save Our Shoreline Team."

McQuiston said the acts are misdemeanor thefts, but there is nothing to follow up.

Atkinson said her campaign sign was gone from the front of her house when her husband went to walk the dog about 9:30 p.m. Saturday. At 7 a.m. Sunday, she went to get the newspaper and noticed the new sign they had put up the previous night was gone, too. Her neighbors signs were also missing.

She then drove around the city and didn't see any of her or Wile's signs.

"We can see that we have a lot of passion going on in this election," Atkinson said. "Things are happening that we wish had not happened. ... This type of stuff is negative energy that we can't afford to give up. It's a distraction."

Papalia said removing Wile and Atkinson's signs would not benefit his or Caryl O'Keefe's campaigns.

O'Keefe said her campaign "did not do anything to remove any signs or any campaign materials."

"It's unethical, and it wouldn't benefit us," she said. "And we didn't."

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Those who can't afford uniforms will get h

■ Low-income families can get clothes at minimal or no cost from the school district

By Kimberly S. Wetzel
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With the deadline to comply with its new uniform policy looming, the West Contra Costa Unified School District has taken steps to ensure that needy families will have the required duds available at a low cost or for free.

The district last week ordered 3,000 uniforms for $54,000 from Uniforms Direct to create "uniform closets" at every elementary and middle school. The uniforms will be loaned to children who forget theirs or given at minimal or no cost to parents unable to afford them.

"The principal at each school will offer the uniforms to families who can't afford them, and they'll ask how much the family can afford to pay," said Harlan Kerr, district official in charge of the uniform policy.

Kerr said parents' ability to pay will be based on the honor system.

The school board in April approved the policy that requires children in kindergarten through eighth grade to wear uniforms beginning Oct. 9. District officials said uniforms promote safety and equality, among other things.

Students — some of whom have been sporting the outfits since school began in August — can wear the district's "default" uniform of blue pants, walking shorts or a skirt and a collared white shirt, or an individual school's approved uniform. A list of uniform choices for each school can also be found on the district's Web site.

WCCUSD will have between 45 and 50 spare sets of pants and shirts in various sizes at each of the district's 39 elementary schools and six middle schools to hand out to needy students. Kerr said he anticipates there will be some adjustments at each school depending on demand.

"Kensington (Elementary) will need very few, Downer (Elementary) will need a lot," Kerr said. "Obviously, there are some schools with more needy students, so we expect to adjust things."

Kerr said his office has received about 20 calls from parents concerned that they will not be able to afford the clothes and said those parents were instructed to contact their school's principal regarding the reduced-cost outfits.

The district bought the uniforms with about $49,000 from its safety budget and $5,000 from community donations.

The district officials initially hoped to raise $50,000 to buy the uniforms, but time ran out and Kerr said officials wanted to get the closets in place before the requirement takes effect.

The district hopes to continue fund-raising efforts throughout the school year to return to the safety fund, Kerr said.

Students who take advantage of the reduced-priced uniforms will be given a week's worth of clothing, which consists of three shirts and two pairs of pants, Kerr said.

The closets at each school most likely will be a designated storage area of some kind in the front office, Kerr said, and the district will implement a uniform recycling program for students who grow out of their clothing.

The uniform policy has been controversial since it was approved in the spring, when some parents complained they weren't given enough notice to voice their opposition.

The Bayside Council of PTAs passed a resolution in May opposing the policy, and several groups of parents across the district have chosen to opt out of the requirement.

Under state law, students can opt out with a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. The waiver form is available on the district's Web site, www.wccusd.k12.ca.us.

Robert Studdiford, president of the Bayside Council of PTAs, said he has a problem with the district spending money on something such as uniforms, which he considers less important than supplies and textbooks.

He said he feels the uniforms stifle creativity and do little to help children learn or improve socioeconomic issues within the district's diverse st... tion. Although ... have the same cl... they get them wi... he said. And children... "I know there's ... ping at Macy's and ... ents shopping at Ta... quality of those cl... different," Studd... "(Uniforms) don't ... nancial status of ... Parents in favo... form policy say it ... to-school shopping ... nient and helps ch... they are part of a ... munity.

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RESTORATION: Builder Marvin Deal restored this residence at the corner of Ardmore and Mandana Boulevard, inset, to its original beauty. It was once home to shipping tycoon Dollar and his family.

ew life for 91-year-old home

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Builder Marvin Deal has breathed new life into the home at 2940 Ardmore Ave. in Oakland's Piedmont Highlands.

Records of the Oakland records show that architect William C. McCall designed and built the home in 1915 as a speculative house for the Alta Realty Land Co. "McCall employed a hybrid of period styles with elements of Crafts, Prairie and traditional influences," said Deal who purchased the home in 2005. In the past year, Deal has done a showcase-quality restoration with meticulous attention to detail.

"I was always mindful of creating comfortable living spaces while remaining true to McCall's original design," he said

City directories show R. Stanley Dollar — the son of shipping tycoon Robert Dollar and a tycoon in his own right — and his family living at 1099 Ardmore Ave. starting in 1917. The 1920 census tells us that R. Stanley Jr. was born in 1915 and daughter Diana in 1917. According to city directories, the family moved to 101 King Drive in Piedmont in 1925. The following year the family was living at 100 Crocker Ave. in Piedmont, directories tell us.

"When I bought the home in 2005, it was in need of major repairs with outdated failing systems, water in the basement and windows that didn't open," Deal said.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Berkeley hills home reflects firefighter's love of career



WHERE ELSE WOULD A FIREFIGHTER build his home other than near the station? Painted fire truck red since the day it was built, the house at 2940 Shasta Road in Berkeley, projected the firefighter's love for his career directly into this home. (The firehouse is still being used, but the building of a new firehouse at another location has stared and will be ready soon.) Its current owners for almost 50 years have kept the house in immaculate condition. It has four bedrooms, three baths, a large den with fireplace, hardwood floors, well laid-out floor plan and a private backyard. The downstairs bedroom has its own bath and a separate entrance.

Situated near the Shasta gate of Tilden Park, the location and the bay views are grand.

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Tips for teaching your kids about money



LEILA GOUGH
Money Matters

Among the many responsibilities of adulthood, managing personal finances is one of the most important skills you can learn. Unfortunately, many of us have had to learn this lesson the hard way, without any formal education on the subject. If you want to help give your kids a head start on the road to financial independence and success, there are many simple tips you can use to get them started early.

This week, in the first of a two-part series, we will discuss six easy ways to help your younger children learn about the value of money and investing. In the second part, next week, we'll go over another six tips, to make it an even dozen. Here are some ideas for you to consider:

Introduce kids to dollars and cents

Teach your kids how to count change, and help them understand the value of each coin. Explain how to pay for things. For example, if they find a toy at the store that costs $2.75, show how they would need two $1 bills plus three quarters to pay for this purchase. You can even let them make the exchange at the check-out counter.

Explain the concept of earning money

It's important for your children to understand how you earn money when you go to work, and also how that money pays for housing, food and the many fun activities your family enjoys. Explain to them the benefits of having a job, and help them appreciate the reason you leave the house each morning.

Respect money

To set a good example for your children, do not discard pennies or small change. Show them how saving even small amounts of change in a jar can add up to a significant sum. Count it out together every few months, and help them pick out something useful they can spend it on.

Give your children an allowance

By providing your children with a weekly allowance, you can teach them both how to save money, and also how to spend it wisely. You can also tie their allowance to weekly chores done around the house, to help them learn the concept of earning their money.

It may also be a good idea to pay their allowance in small increments, such as five $1 bills instead of one $5 bill. Dividing their money in this way can help them see how they can use a portion of the money to spend on things they want, and also how to save a portion of their earnings as well.

Help set savings goals to work toward

If your child wants to purchase a video game or a new item of clothing, work with them to figure out ways to save for this goal. If the item costs $20, help them estimate how much of their allowance they will need to save and how long it will take to save that amount. You can also encourage your child to find ways to make some extra money by picking up additional chores around the house.

Match their savings

One way to encourage good habits is by matching a portion of your child's savings. For example, you could contribute an extra 50 cents for each dollar they put away. Giving them extra incentive can increase their savings more rapidly and teach them good habits at the same time.

These are just a few ideas to get your kids started on the road to savings. Check back again next week for more thoughts on how to help them learn about personal finance.

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THOMAS GRUBBA

UP TO DATE: The kitchen island with butcher-block top and cutting boards set off the newly remodeled kitchen at 1099 Ardmore Ave. in Oakland. The kitchen has custom painted cabinetry, honed granite counters, a Sub-Zero stainless refrigerator, a Wolf commercial style range oven and a built-in pantry.

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"Scott has extens edge of period design Deal said. "He had all design decisions together the materials color palate."

Deal and Silvera includes a barrel-v in the home's entry ful moldings throu home.

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Captain Robert Dollar and his legacy

WIKIPEDIA.ORG

Robert Dollar, the "Grand Old Man of the Pacific" was born in Falkirk, Scotland. By the age of 11 he was earning his own living as a shore boy in a lumber camp in Canada. Dollar's difficult childhood likely shaped his stringent attitude toward life and work. In the years to come, Dollar developed a set of rules to which he adhered all his life:

- Do not cheat.
- Do not be lazy.
- Do not abuse.
- Do not drink.

In 1893, Dollar purchased a lumber mill in Everett Washington. Unfortunately, shipping schedules at the time were erratic. Dollar, like many in the lumber business, found he had little control over the transportation of his goods.

So, in 1895 he acquired his first vessel, a single steam schooner called *Newsboy*, to move his lumber from the Pacific Northwest to markets down the coast. This foray into shipping resulted in the founding of Dollar Line in 1900, when Dollar was nearly 60 years old.

When Dollar made a test run to the Orient with another of his ships, he was the first to bring the lumber business to a new continent. Soon, the familiar Dollar Line smokestack, with its distinctive dollar symbol, was a familiar sight throughout Asia.

He encouraged leaders from different industries in the U.S. to explore Asia as a potential new market for their businesses. He was one of the first to gauge the importance of trans-Pacific trade in the 20th century.

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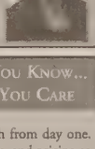
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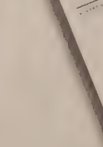


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New construction in Point Richmond. Stunning 2 bdrm/ 2 bath w/gorgeous Bay & S.F. views. Pool, gym, and tennis courts, in complex. A must see!

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Smart updating in this large house. Huge park-like manicured backyard with RV parking. Great covered patio for entertaining on a corner lot. New windows.

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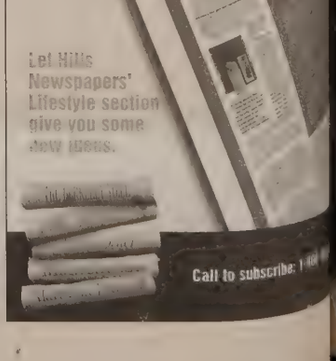


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Estate Focus:
ini estate in Berkeley



LOVELY COMMODIOUS Craftsman-style home and cottage plus side-by-side duplex at 1715 er St. In Berkeley are on a 9,725 square-foot lot. The property's unusual layout can accommo- a number of different living situations.The 1,258 square-foot Craftsman has two plus bedrooms, kitch, a formal dining room with window seat, a large living room with working fireplace and a y eat-in kitchen. The cottage is 666 square feet with two bedrooms and one bath and is secluded er of property. The duplex is 610 square feet with one bedroom, one bath apiece. The entire prop- s recently been painted inside and out, and is in excellent condition. Other amenities include d new automatic electronic garden irrigation system; sewer lateral; and earthquake gas shutoff es. This lush compound is located in a quiet, friendly, well-established neighborhood with village- atmosphere.

g: $995,000

ng agent: Alexandra Crisafulli, 510-843-5224, www.millsteinassociates.com

Panama Expostion likely inspired Claremont Pines Spanish Revival home



Vital Statistics

What: A Spanish-style home from 1935 at 77 Bowling Drive in Oakland.

Size: A 5,682 square-foot home on an approximately 20,100-square-foot lot.

Bedrooms: Four.

Baths: Four.

Features: Period details abound in this Claremont Pines home. They include both and exterior and interior balconies, a large living room with chandeliers, an intimate dining room, a large level yard with fountain and a terraced garden complemented with natural stone and mature trees.

Asking price: $3,400,000; Open Sunday 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Realtor: Dee Knowland, Pacific Union, 510-338-1318.

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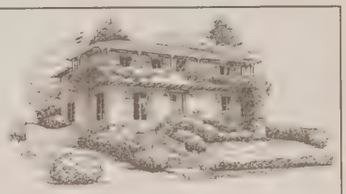
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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. The living is easy in this fabulous, level-in townhome with beautiful South Bay views. Two sunny master suites for maximum privacy and convenience. View decks off both levels and a large two-car attached garage with interior access. A fantastic unit with a smart floor plan in a wonderful community.

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449 Indian Bay in Costa Brava, Alameda





Quality upgrades throughout this home enhance its open & contemporary architecture. The dream kitchen has elegant granite counters, a copper farm sink, commercial stove w/hood & warming shelf & tumbled Travertine stone floors, all set off by dramatic custom lighting. The use of rosewood, stone floors & Karastan carpets blends beautifully to create a casual elegance. An ideal location close to lagoon walking paths, Harbor Bay Landing, the ferry & commute buses.

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Elegant Mid-Century Gem in Central Piedmont - 114 Crocker Avenue



This well maintained, high quality ranch-style home features approximately 2850 square feet of single-level living. The functional floor plan consists of four bedrooms (one a master retreat), three full baths, formal dining room, large living room with a cozy brick fireplace and spacious kitchen/family room combination. There are beautiful random plank hardwood floors throughout most of the house and plantation shutters adorn the windows.

A large, level rear yard provides stair-less entry into the kitchen from a two-car garage. The brick patio and lovely landscaped yard offer perfect outdoor entertaining options.



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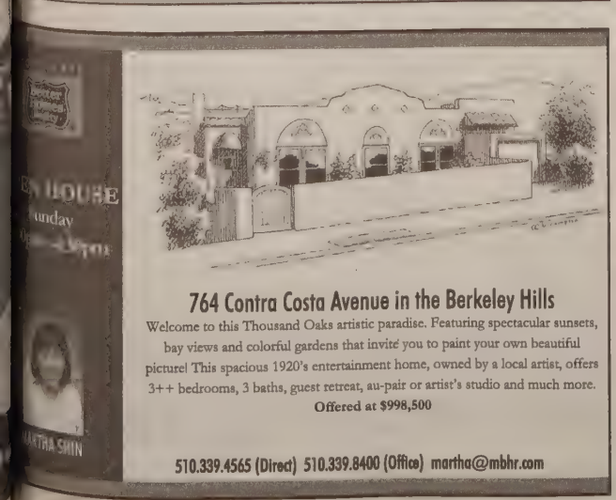


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shown by appointment



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The joy of flowers

mber 522 in a series of true stories in real estate.

We have been the lucky recipients of the most marvelous flower bouquets lately. A delivery is made every few weeks to us and the flowers last for many days. Some parts of the bouquets keep well even longer.

Clients whose house we sold contract with Freshly Cut in Berkeley, the florist across from Monterey Market, to provide us these treats.

I am thanked our very generous gift several times now, saying "Cut flowers are, especially for a flower gardener like me, the finest possible gift."

Each time we receive from Freshly Cut is unlike anything I've seen delivered by any florist; the flowers and greenery are largely surprising in type, texture and variety.

Each time the flowers arrive we immediately examine every leaf and blossom close up. I try to identify everything in the bouquet and, failing that, I offer guesses as to what they might be.

One of the most recent bouquet, for instance, are small orchid-look flowers with purple, squiggly spotting on them. But they can't be orchids, I thought, because the stems are all wrong.

These stems are kind of fuzzy; also, the shape of the unopened blooms doesn't look like orchids to me. Suddenly, I burst, "There's a plant called toad lily. I'll bet that's it!"

I have never encountered toad lily in person but I remember seeing photos, and I think I'm right.

In this same bouquet are rudbeckia seed "pods" the cone-shaped center remaining when the petals have fallen; purple-red smoke tree; deepest burgundy dahlias; pinky-limey hellebore; Star of Bethlehem with only a few of the cream-colored flowerets open so far, black bead eyes shining.

And stems of acorns! This last inclusion is the best delight of all. Who would think to find, cut and use in a bouquet acorn branches? The acorns are large and perfectly shaped and still somewhat unripe and green. Lastly, in this bouquet, is something I cannot identify; don't even have a good guess. Light violet-colored flowers, ruffly-edged and folded inward. Almost like abutilon flowers but smaller, the closed buds are purple and chartreusey-green, squarish, pointed-bottom lanterns.



TARPOFF AND TALBERT
True Experiences

Maybe they are related to the sharp orange Chinese Lanterns? I later learn by calling Freshly Cut that this is Apple of Peru, which, when I do some research, is described as a rather rank-growing, tall and weedy plant that I probably don't want to grow in my garden.

But I might have. This is not the first time I've called to ask Freshly Cut what the name of something is. I then proceeded along on a plant hunt of my own.

One week it was some sort of tree fern that got me going. I found a fern nursery site on the Web, looked at a hundred photos of ferns, and placed my order for four. I didn't get the one that was in our bouquet but I now have new ferns planted along a path in my garden.

Which is the other thing that has happened since we began to get these gifts: I see my own garden and everything growing in it in a completely new way. I walk through the garden looking at every leaf and branch, flowers I planted and weeds I didn't, considering them as potential bouquet contents.

And I make bouquets. Far more often than I'm sure I would have, I've gathered whatever strikes my eye in the waning late-summer, early-fall garden. Without the education and example of the gift bouquets, I would have thought there wasn't much to find in this season's garden. But now I see all sorts of possibilities, and I bring them inside and put them together in groupings that please me.

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and Silvera restored the awning windows to full order and refinished the ding throughout the home. also returned the original and door hardware, including ass doorknobs to complete order. They added recessed g and a sound system.

tt picked out new fixtures uality sources such as Rejuon and Hubbardton Forge," d.

home's entry features a cusdoor with a single-paneled, ed glass light and antique e hardware, a barrel vaulted and a stunning light fixture e windows with silk es, proportioned for enterd, brighten the home's elening room, which offers seatound the fireplace and room grand piano.

conservatory just off the 's entry has its original confloors, a faucet for waterand floor-to-ceiling winon three sides.

dining room has floor-to-ceilod paneling and large winnet overlook the garden with old cedar tree.

kitchen features new cusfitted cabinetry with inset reneled doors and furniture inges and hardware, honed counters, a Sub-Zero stainrigerator, a Wolf commercial style 48-inch range oven with pot-filler, a Miele dishwasher, a Miele built-in espresso/coffer maker and Miele microwave/speed oven. The kitchen island is fashioned with a butcher-block top and cutting boards.

The cozy family room with its large fireplace opens onto the kitchen. French doors here offer access to a spacious Connecticut blue stone terrace

Floor-to-ceiling redwood paneling sets off the library with its built-in bookcase.

Tudor style moldings complement the master suite. The large dressing room here has two built-in armoires, built-in his and her closets and a window with cozy window seat.

The master bath has imported honed marble for the floors and shower, a new steam shower with frameless glass enclosure, a soaking tub, a fireplace with original plein air oil painting set into wood panel.

Upstairs are three other large bedrooms and two renovated period style baths.

On the lower level a guest suite has a private bath with an original claw foot tub and vintage sink.

Stucco siding with deep eaves and Arts and Crafts-style trim, Tudor-style half-timbering set off the home. A Connecticut blue-stone patio and walkway give the home an attractive feel from the street.

Outdoors one finds beautiful stonework, a stone-lined garden path and intimate enclosed backyard with professional irrigation and lighting.

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World War I, Dollar was such ruction in Asia that his word was enough collateral to be construction of ships in that cost $30 million. In 1923, chase of seven "president" owned by the U.S. governallowed Dollar, then age 80, ver his successful round-the-passenger service.

1925, Dollar Line acquired the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and its trans-Pacific routes.

Ultimately, Robert Dollar made eight circumnavigations of the world and over 40 trips to the Orient.

By the late 1920s, Dollar passed the reins of management along to his son Robert Stanley Dollar, who lived at 1900 Ardmore Ave. from 1917 to 1925.

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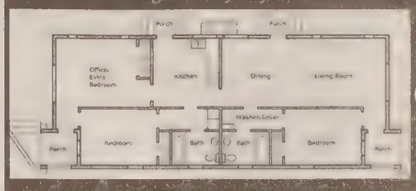
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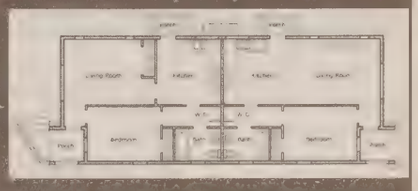


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6222 Ralston Ave., Richmond
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This 3 bedroom, 1 bath house is peaceful, private, sweet & serene! Level landscaped yard, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen. Brick fireplace in living room. New water heater and energy efficient furnace. Close to Wildcat Canyon; sunset views over Marin Hills. Easy access to BART.
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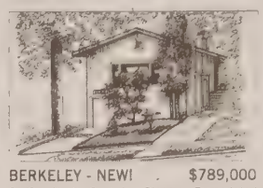
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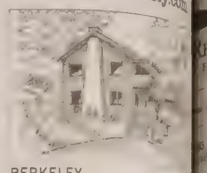
ALBANY - NEW! $955,000
3/1.5 - Newly renovated Craftsman. Stylish kitchen & bath, lavish detailings, garage/basement. Bay views. www.heidiandjerry.com
1031 Ordway Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY $695,000
3/2 - Remodeled upper floor condo. Light-filled & spacious. Updated with beautiful finishes, fireplace, skylights, loft.
2230 6th Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! $789,000
3+/2 - North Berkeley Classic. Remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, landscaped yard, SF & Bay views.
2125 Marin Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY $
4/3 - Maybeck inspired 1923 "
dition" with Bay views, deck, hot tub, A
suite on lower level. www.523spruce.
523 Spruce Street



ALBANY - NEW! $649,000
2++/1.5 - Spacious home. Huge finished lower level bonus room could be master suite. Garage with office. Playhouse/art studio in big level yard.
625 Madison Street Open 2-4



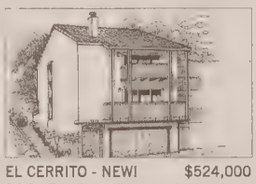
BERKELEY - NEW! $589,000
3/1 - Updated family home + detached 2-room studio/office. Remodeled sunny kitchen, fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors, workshop.
2422 Acton Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! $499,000
DUPLEX - Fully rented 2/1 units. Washer/dryer hookups. Great opportunity. Well located. Priced to sell. Don't miss it!
2431-33 9th Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY $55
2/1 - Great bungalow. Big backyar
lawn, planting beds & deck.
kitchen. Media center. Near 4th Stree
1136 Francisco Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO - NEW! $524,000
3/2.5 - Top of the hills, upgraded townhome in Wildwood complex. 2 decks, 2-car garage with interior access, incredible views.
63 Wildwood Place Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! $449,000
2/1 - Brown shingles craftsman condo. View of campanile, exposed redwood details, big yard. Nestled in above campus & Gourmet Ghetto.
2711 Virginia Street #1 Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! $699,000
DUPLEX - Extraordinary 2/1 units. Yard, hot tub, meditation hut, storage shed, pond, fruit trees, watering system. www.justsellmyhouse.com
2424-26 7th Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! $56
2/1 - 1932 California style sp
in Westbrae. Fresh interior paint,
oak floors, formal dining room
1300 Santa Fe Avenue Open 2-4



PLEASANT HILL - NEW! $1,195,000
4/2.5 - Old world charm & modern amenities. New systems & upgrades galore in 2002. Plus a detached 1/1 cottage. AMAZING!
418 Kahrs Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! $1,375,000
5/2.5 - Spectacular Montclair hills Mediterranean. Bay views, updated kitchen, contemporary wet bar, master suite with deck.
2716 Darnby Drive Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! $699,000
3/2 - Redwood Heights light-filled home with Bay views, gleaming hardwood floors, 2-car garage, charming gardens. Move-in ready.
4159 Midvale Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! $1,29
2+/1.5 - Steel-reinforced 4,000 sq ft.
loft conversion. 60' wood bow-string truss
ceilings, designer kitchen, private courty
1150 55th Street Open

FREMONT - NEW! $425,000
2/2 - Clean & bright top floor condo. Fireplace, new washer/dryer, detached garage, new kitchen appliances.
47165 Male Terrace Open 2-4

OAKLAND $430,000
2/1 - Fantastic condo near Piedmont Avenue & Rockridge shopping. Newly painted, new windows, enclosed patio. Pool, gym, sauna.
250 Whitmore Street #101 Open 1:30-4:30

OAKLAND - NEW! $495,000
2/1 - North Oakland Craftsman. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, fireplace, formal dining room, garden. www.5410marketstreet.com
5410 Market Street Open 1-4

OAKLAND - NEW! $49
2/1 - Fantastic starter in the tooth
lot, workshop, long driveway, pr
with large trees. Must see!
3709 Keller Avenue Open 1:30-



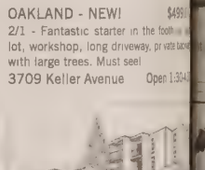
PIEDMONT $965,000
4/2+ - Craftsman with built-ins, designer colors, hardwood floors, deck, study, garden with fruit trees & raised beds for planting.
63 Wildwood Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND $325,000-$334,000 each
4 LOFTS - In a very cool warehouse conversion with mezzanines, stained concrete, marble, skylights & more! www.saragarabedian.com
2201 West Street Open 2-4



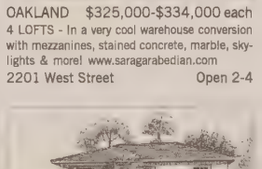
OAKLAND - NEW! $425,000
2/1 - Good separation of space. Great light. Enormous yard with play structure & pond. Open living/dining room. Fireplace. Hardwood floors.
910 58th Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! $3
1+/1 - Open & spacious condo.
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secured parking & storage. Pool, hot
250 Whitmore Street #114 Open



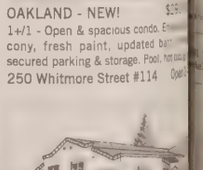
RICHMOND ANNEX - NEW! $465,000
2+/1 - Open airy large living room with high ceilings, large picture windows, fireplace, hardwood floors, attached garage, large yard.
1310 Merced Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND $550,000
3/1 - Pristine light-filled home with french doors, skylights, granite countertops, jet-tub, marble flooring, lush gardens, workshop area.
9300 Castlewood Street Open 2-4



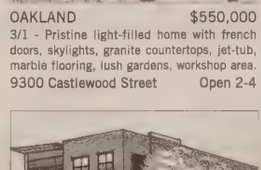
OAKLAND $575,000
2+/2 - Urban cottage with arch designed additions has gourmet kitchen, wood floors, deck & more. www.saragarabedian.com
5930 Vallejo Street Open 2-4



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TRIPLEX - 2-bedroom units each wit
level charm, original details, hardwood
in-unit laundry, garages with interior acc
6138 Shattuck Avenue Open 1:30-



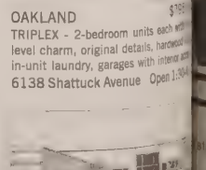
RICHMOND $899,000
2/1.5 - A boater's dream. Perched on the marina with an attached boat dock. Remodeled open floor plan. www.katieandmark.com
1310 Mallard Drive Open 2-4



EMERYVILLE $545,000
LOFT - Stunning New York style brick & timber loft in 10-units warehouse conversion. Skylights, laundry in unit. www.saragarabedian.com
1250 Powell Street #7 Open 2-4



OAKLAND $539,000
2/1 - Stylish lower Glenview bungalow. Original charm, hardwood floors, built-ins, fireplace, updated kitchen, landscaped backyard.
1673 Miami Court Open 2-4



OAKLAND $4
LOFT - 2-story loft. Industrial-style
polished concrete floors, 2 flex spa
covered garage. www.saragarabed
2323 Magnolia Street #9 Open

RICHMOND - NEW! $539,000
DUPLEX - Sun-filled units near Alvarado Park. Front 2/1, rear 2/2 has deck & view. Large yard, huge garage, separate laundry room.
5950 Arlington Boulevard Open 2-4

HERCULES - NEW! $889,000
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1081 Promenade Street Sat & Sun 2-4

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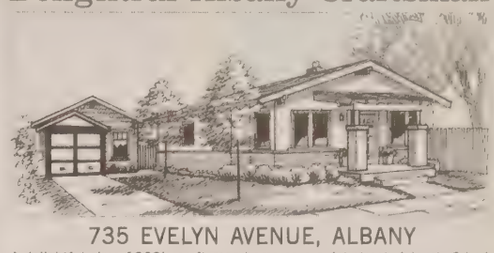
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I made a tiny bouquet, only a few inches tall, of a few cream scabiosa plus white lantana and short, cerise-colored globe amaranth. I walked around and looked until I decided lambs ears and parsley gone-to-seed would look good with these flowers.

On another day I stood in a large vase in my living room golden-red-dish amaranth plumes. I'd found the amaranth fallen almost to the ground, the branches so heavy that they had split and ripped from their stalks. To lighten them up, I added the yellow leaves of kerria and, as the centerpiece, one large, peachy rose.

I'm also supplying gatherings from my garden to my daughter Annie who recently said she would like to have flowers for her kitchen table. Annie has lately been surging with domesticity, painting walls and roasting chickens in the apartment she shares with her boyfriend.

It happens that the florist flowers are delivered in nice vases, clear glass, which are nestled in punch-in cardboard box stands for level transport. I've been doing bouquets for Annie using these vases, placing them in the boxes so she can get them home.

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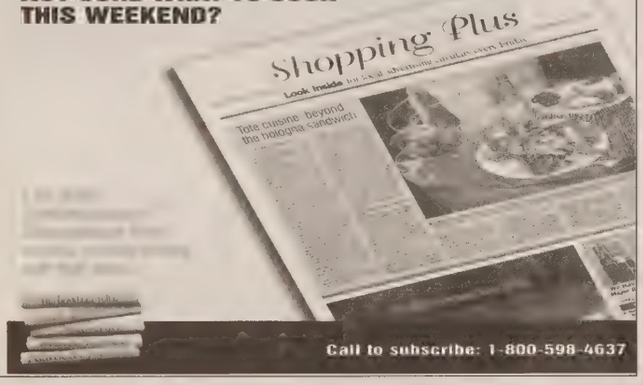
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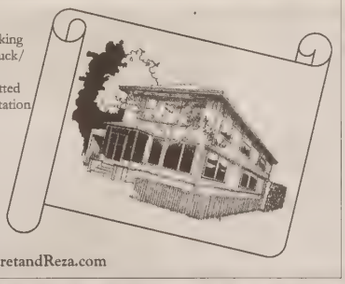
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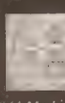


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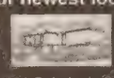
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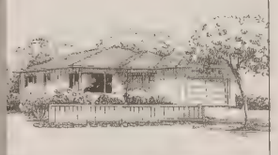


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Mary Lou Allen x53 $639,000



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Split-level 3bd/1.5 bath in North & East neighborhood of architecturally distinct homes. Original hardwood flrs, brick frpl, sep dining and living room, kitchen with breakfast nook and tiled floors, sep laundry. Large bedrooms with both play area and patio, plus a cottage and storage shed. 2-car garage with entrance to both bckyd and house.
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Sell or stay put? That's a question often on the minds of homeowners.

As the real estate market cools off, the answer for some might be to stay put for the moment and increase the value of the home with a couple of renovation improvements.

A number of useful books offer home improvement tips that can help add value to the property. If you're curious about some of these measures, you might check out one of the following titles:

■ "Remodel or Move?" by Dan Fritschen; ABCD Publishing, 2005 ($15.95)
Features insights on different remodeling options that can increase home value.

■ "101 Ways to Increase the Value of Your Home" by Steve Berges; Dearborn Press, 2004 ($18.95)
Covers how to obtain building permits, contracting and remodeling from the walkways to kitchen cabinets.

■ "Better House, Better Living; What to Look for when Buying, Building or Remodeling" by Myron E. Ferguson; Home Use Press, 2004 ($24.95)
Delves into a variety of home improvement topics, down to revamping the electrical system and plumbing.

■ "Home Renovation Checklist" by Robert Irwin; Wiley & Sons, 2003 ($12.95)
Discusses how to determine remodeling needs, with a variety of tips for specific rooms.

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FROM PAGE B9

NEW ORLEANS HOPE

When the National Association of Realtors holds their convention in November, it will bring hope to the citizens of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. 30,000 NAR members, $34 million in revenue and Realtor hands will be there to help in the clean up of the hurricane-ravaged city. NAR in partnership along with Habitat For Humanity plan to build a house in the region for every one of the 54 Realtor associations. The convention has been dubbed "NARdi Gras, A Celebration Of Realtors Coming Together To REnew, Reconnect and Reenergize their careers in the City of New Orleans." Realtors from across the nation have already contributed over $4 million to hurricane victims. All the donations went directly to the needy. Learn more at www.Realtor.org.

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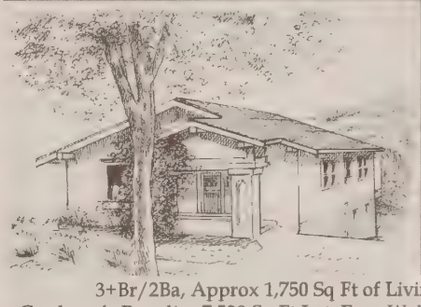
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Traditional 2-Story Craftsman Bungalow in Rockridge

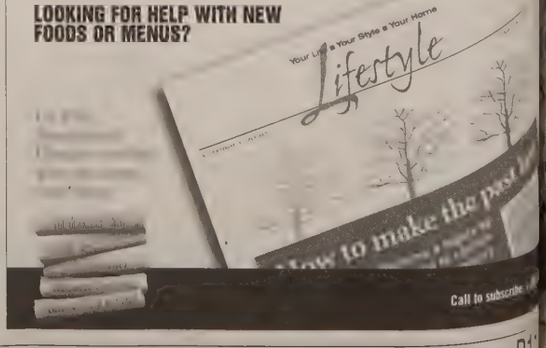
This new Rockridge listing has all the features you would ever want in a traditional Craftsman Bungalow – the formal living and dining rooms offer built-in cabinetry with leaded glass cabinet doors, natural wood accents including wainscoting and entry columns, gleaming hardwood floors, and a beautiful fireplace all in big sunny rooms. There are 3 bedrooms upstairs with oversized closets and wood floors. The "period" style bathroom features a pedestal sink, tile floor, and beaded board wainscoting. The remodeled kitchen features new appliances, new granite countertops, new marmoleum flooring, designer colors, and 2 greenhouse windows. You will truly enjoy cooking in this kitchen. There is also a cute powder room off the entryway. The spacious sunny backyard is just off the kitchen and boasts a large lawn area and detached garage. There is a partial basement with an extra room and storage - just awaiting your expansion ideas. There is plumbing and fixtures in for a bathroom. A friendly street and big 'ol front porch really make this place home. Your new home is located in Rockridge and is close to all the College Avenue shops and many fine restaurants, Market Hall, BART, freeways, Casual Carpooling to SF, Berkeley, Downtown Oakland, Emeryville, and Great Coffee. As a bonus, Telegraph Avenue and the NEW FARMERS' MARKET are just a short block away!

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sult from oil thickened by colder temperatures (and cause untimely fridge death), the engineers say, the air surrounding a refrigerator must be 55 degrees or higher, and must not fall below 50.

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Q: I would like to paint my old treated-wood deck (about 20 years old, 25 by 15 feet) to give it a couple more years of life. Would you recommend painting, and if so, what kind of paint and wood prep would it require? I was thinking of painting the railings white and the flooring a neutral color. The deck has never been stained. It's sturdy, but some screws are popping up at joints.

A. Old wood and paint: not the best solution. Its age and condition might mean the wood won't hold a coat of paint, and most of the chemicals it was treated with have probably leached out anyway. I'd hang with the deck as is for a while longer, but make plans to replace it down the road.

Q: My husband wants to try to make a new rack for the fireplace that the wood would sit on to burn. He wants to make it out of tubular

See HEAVENS, Page B13

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3 New Listings



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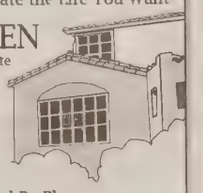
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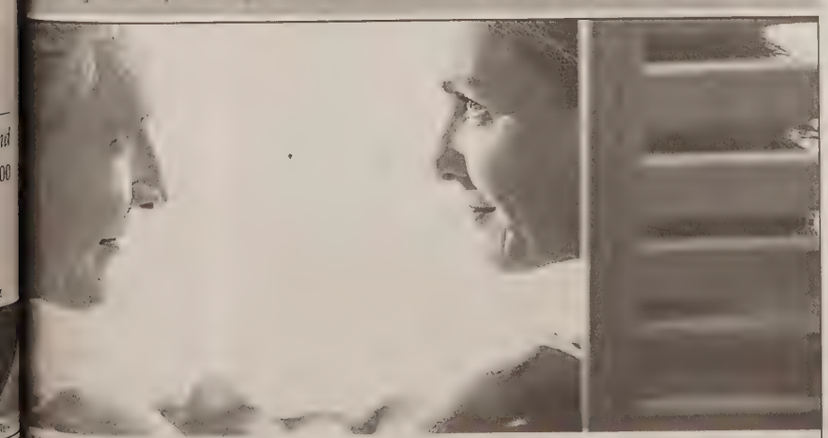
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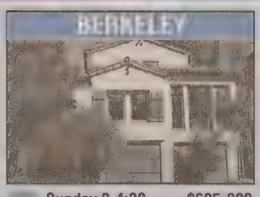
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Shirley Covington (510) 834-2010

Sunday 2-4:30 $349,000
320 Lee #306. 1BR/1BA, granite kitchen, views, hrdwd floors, deck, truly lovely.
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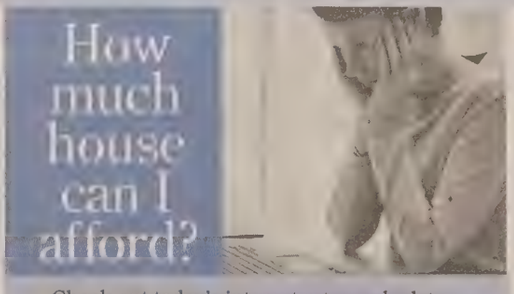
BERKELEY

Sunday 2-5 $825,000
1729 Ashby. Exquisite new const. 3BR/2+BA with 1BR rental, near BART. Wow!
Cynthia Zheng (510) 845-0211

Sunday 2-4:30 $649,000
1224 Channing. Light-filled 1,456 sq. ft. remodeled beauty! 3BR/1BA, great location.
Nancy Hinkley (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-5 $594,000
1470 9th St. Bungalow 2BR/2BA, fireplace, hardwood floors, family room, patio, near 4th St.
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85 Ardmore Rd., Kensington. 3+BR/2.5BA gracious Kensington home. New price!
Marilyn Baker (510) 845-0211

Sunday 2-4 $749,000
151 Pavon, Hercules. 4BR+loft, 3BA, 2,200 sq. ft., lots of upgrades. A must-see!
June McDaniels (510) 868-1400

Sunday 2-5 $698,000
1728 Julian Ct., El Cerrito. One-level 3BR/2BA, family room, panoramic view.
Nancy Taussig (510) 845-0211

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Sunday 2-5 $609,000
43 Franciscan Way, Kensington. 3BR/1BA, serene setting, one owner home, large lot.
Vena Flint (510) 527-9800

Sunday 2-5 $525,000
3111 Henderson, Richmond. 3BR/2BA, park-like yard, wood-burning stove, dining room.
Roberta Abel (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-5 $479,000
5105 Nevin, Richmond. Adorable bungalow, Mira Vista 2BR/1BA, pristine, near BART.
Herman Luna (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-4 $465,000
5341 Creely Ave., Richmond. Best value! 3BR/2BA, new carpet, large lot.
Aliky Vasdekis (510) 868-1400

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Sunday 2-4
4250 Gilbert, Oakland. 2 house[illegible] units, large 7,800 sq. ft. lot.
Terrence Jue

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Two-level house used as single [illegible] 3,908 sq. ft. total.
Lillian Liao

Fantastic 1920s Duplex
Huge 2BR units! Fireplaces, formal [illegible] spectacular view!
Mark Miller

Sunday 1-4
2465 Foothill, Oakland. Fourplex, [illegible] 3BR/2BA, 1BR/1BA, nice.
Roxanne Wong

Great Income!
Five units in Berkeley, near Sa[illegible] great for owner/user
Barbara Reynolds

Duplex Opportunity
Spacious 3BR/2BA vacant, [illegible] 2BR/1BA tenant occupied.
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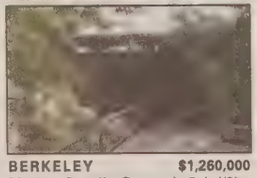
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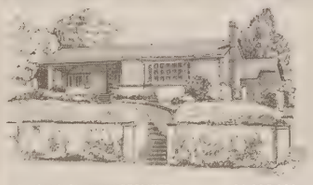
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1123 BISMARCK LANE $579,000
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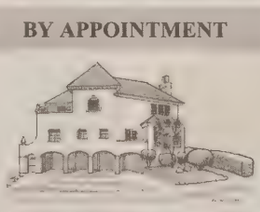


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Rose Garden. Great 1BR/1BA parquet floors, granite kitchen and bath counters, new fixtures, sinks, fresh paint, new carpet in bedroom. Building has pool saunas, workout room.
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Kitchen psychology 101: When remodeling your kitchen, be rue to yourself — not trends

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Wrong, according to many de- ers, who say customers often right into the details of their odels, before they stop to re- know themselves, their needs how they really use their hens.

"The kitchen is the heart of the me . . . and that's what it's re- about . . . your heart, your ," said Ellen Cheever, ASID, known kitchen designer, In- ry educator and writer for hen and Bath Design News. ople tend to get too focused t certain cherry cabinet, or particular granite countertop they're planning for a re- del. Before they do all that, hould be asking themselves they want the kitchen to feel they are done. It may seem a silly question, but it's the to getting it right," she added. you ask yourself the really questions first, smaller ques- ke what kind of cabinet stor- or appliance to buy will just place, say designers. Be- you sign those home equity papers, ask yourself these ons:

mood do you want to Do you prefer the serenity of dern, sleek kitchen, or the cozy clutter of a more tra- al kitchen? How you answer termine which path you take important design cross-

You can get a good sense for different kitchens might feel sting our Web site, www.dec- abinets.com, where you can your dream kitchen right on- said Jan Aufderhar, market- xecutive for Decora Cabinets, e of high-end, semi-custom ry sold through a network 00 dealers nationwide. "You experiment with a lot of dif- t looks, doorstyles and fin-

r instance, we've developed es of very modern, Euro- abinets that have very clean When you decide on that, decisions become easier. mers who like the modern re also very likely to invest r interior cabinet storage ucts that get the clutter out ght, then choose glass tile splashes, steel or glass front nces and stained concrete to continue the streamlined Aufderhar said.

ustomers who like the warm ozy look are buying tradi- abinets, and using accent ts with painted red or black es for extra pop, Aufderhar Or, they are eliminating their around the upper cabinets, ng the tops of the cabinets play their favorite plants and ob es.

ow much activity do you re- want in your kitchen?— ly everyone says they want pen kitchen' today, where the room, dining room and n flow into each other. But an design it to be so open it can drive you crazy," er said. Do you want your r guests to chop vegetables beside you? Then you need a "work around" island or counter space that's designed for more than one cook at a time. Would you rather have your guests just watch you cook while you entertain? Then you need a "barrier" island or counter — a taller counter space, perhaps with bar stools, which will allow your kitchen companions to stay close to the action, but out of your way, Cheever said.

Do you like to cook and entertain, or entertain without cooking? When you invite guests over, do you make every little thing from scratch, or are you more likely to just make the main dish and fill in the rest with potlucks or items from the gourmet deli? "A lot of our customers that are Generation X age and younger are telling us that they love to eat gourmet food and entertain, but they are finding new, more productive ways to do it," said Aufderhar. "I think that's also feeding a trend towards not having so many upper cabinets for storing food and extra dishes. The cabinets they do buy are more likely to have special shelves and pullouts that make them work harder with less space."

If you are a gourmet cook with bulging cabinets, then investing in that butler's pantry, extra spice drawer or wrought iron pot rack makes sense, Aufderhar said.

Be honest — are you a good housekeeper? Do you leave crumbs on the counter and dishes in the sink, or are you a neatnik? How you answer should affect the materials you choose, Cheever said. "If you are naturally neat, then the sky's the limit. But if you're not, there are materials you should definitely avoid like tile floors with hard to clean grout, stainless steel appliances that show every fingerprint, and painted cabinets that highlight

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THE COZY LOOK of a traditional kitchen is achieved by warmer wood tones and visible accessories

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$1,950,000 Open Sunday 2-5:00





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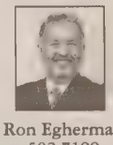
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503 COLUSA AVENUE EL CERRITO

Wonderful Traditional c.1942! Charming one-level home. Random-plank hardwood floors, living room w/ wood-burning fireplace & beautiful French doors, formal dining room, and a level, grassy back yard for play. Pride of ownership shows in this original-owner home, first time on the market in 64 years. 3br/1ba.

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502.7199

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Two blocks to BART! Retreat to this charming, sunny and spacious updated 2BR/1BA bungalow near the Plaza BART. Features include remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, large garden with an abundance of roses, attached garage. New copper plumbing, seismic retrofitting, new electrical service. A commuter's dream!

$525,000 Contact agents



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Todd Hodson
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6400 Hillegass Ave. Oakland

Stunning 2-story Craftsman in a coveted Rockridge neighborhood. Beautifully redesigned kitchen & baths, original details include built-ins, inlaid hdwd fls. Deck & patio off the kitchen. 3brs/2bas.

$895,000 Sun 2-4:00
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4247 Lakeshore Ave. Oakland

New listing! Crocker Highlands traditional on a quiet tree-lined street nr shops & restaurants. Graciously proportioned rms, 2brs, gourmet kitchen, updated master bath. Developed attic w/den/office.

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1505 Hillcrest Rd. San Pablo

Spectacular Bay views from 3BR/1BA on large lot. Stunning original architectural details. Hardwood floors, fireplace. Dining room w/bay window. Enclosed front patio w/fish pond, generous off-street parking.

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Maggie Resnick 527.9111



1507 Hillcrest Rd. San Pablo

Spectacular Bay views from duplex on large lot. Fabulous studio & charming 1BR/1BA apartment. Studio's wall of windows faces bay. Hardwood floors in 1BR. Rear decks, laundry room.

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Rental! 3BR,1.5 bath, S.F. & G.G. views from all rooms. 2-car garage. Fenced rear garden abuts Natural Hillside Park. Close to BART, hiking trails. See photos at www.marvingardens.com.

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Clean Traditional 3BR/2BA home in the heart of Mira Vista. Ideal separation of space for entertaining, grand master bedroom. Filtered bay view, pear & lemon tree in level back yard.

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Catherine Krueger 527.9111

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$278,000 Sun 2-4:00
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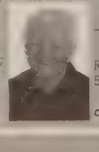
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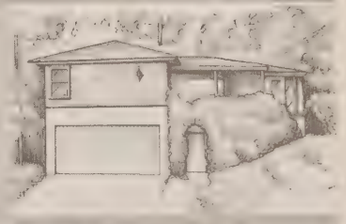
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4 BR 3 BA Spacious multi-level home has views, 2-story LR, formal DR, terraced yard!
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4+ BR 2.5 BA Berk Hills. Remod kit, lg fam rm, deck, priv yrd. Sunny MBR suite. Studio cottage
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ROCKRIDGE $910,000
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2829 SYLHOWE RD SUN 2 - 4:30
4+ BR 2.5 BA Spacious home on approx half acre, nice sense of privacy. Needs work, but what potential!
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MONTCLAIR $779,000
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MONTCLAIR $789,000
4401 DAVENPORT SUN 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 2.5 BA Bay views from living room, master & hot tub, family room, 2 fireplaces, level yard/gardens. Oversized master.
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MONTCLAIR $775,000
6876 PINEHAVEN RD SUN 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 2+ BA Fully remodeled. Sunny park-like setting w/wood flrs, huge yard. www.6876Pinehaven.com.
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BERKELEY $750,000
2022-2024 8TH ST SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Retreat in W. Berk. Stained glass wndws, hi ceiling LR, + separate 2-story studio w/loft
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SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS $749,000
3965 TURNLEY AVE SUN 2 - 5
3+ BR 2+ BA Wonderful curb appeal! Spanish Med, lg non-conforming space Make this your special home!
DONNA CONROY 510.339.4700

SAN LEANDRO/ESTUDILLO ESTATES $699,000
561 JOAQUIN SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman. LR w/ frplc. Lg private yd w/play structure Hdwd flrs, conv location
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ALBANY $729,000
720 CURTIS ST SAT 2 - 4:30
2+ BR 1.5 BA Remodeled upper Albany Craftsman. LR with frplc, FDR with built-ins, study off eat-in kit.
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EL CERRITO $719,000
560 COLUSA AVE SUN 2 - 4
4 BR 2 BA Great house near Fat Apples restaurant. Master suite, 2 frplcs, gleaming hardwood, backyard.
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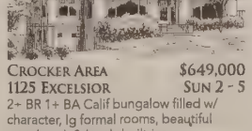


MONTCLAIR $699,000
5765 BALBOA SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Spacious w/knotty pine den. Views, secluded, level patio & space for potential expansion.
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS $699,000
4108 35TH AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
2+BR 2 BA Tudor-style w/original detail. Hdwd flrs, arched doorways, laundry rm, large bkyd & more!
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MONTCLAIR $699,000
6608 PINEHAVEN RD SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BACharming cottage retreat. Hdwd flrs, brick fplc, updated kitchen w/ marble, large patio.
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OAK KNOLL $689,000
3660 CALAFIA AVE SUN 2 - 5
3+ BR 2.5 BA Beautifully remod Tudor w/ hdwd flrs, crown molding, patio, 2-car garage, landscaped yard.
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CROCKER AREA $649,000
1125 EXCELSIOR SUN 2 - 5
2+ BR 1+ BA Calif bungalow filled w/ character, lg formal rooms, beautiful wood work & lovely built-ins.
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RICHMOND $669,000
4935 SANTA RITA SUN 1 - 4
4 BR 2.5 BA Huge house on El Sobrante/ Richmond border. Impeccably clean
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SAN LEANDRO/BROADMOOR $669,000
963 HELEN AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Updated home w/great yard, garage, deck, large gazebo for outdoor living & gardens
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS $659,000
4407 BENNETT PL SUN 2 - 5
2+ BR 1 BA Sunny & charming Span/Med w/fam, LR, DR, hdwd flrs, bonus/hobby rm & huge yard! Park/shops.
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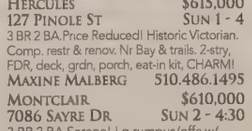
MONTCLAIR $659,000
6802 GUNN SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Convenient location. Custom w/hdwd flrs, high ceilings, au pair & views. www.6802Gunn.com
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MONTCLAIR $649,000
6880 THORNHILL DR SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Living-dining opens to deck w/ big canyon view. Minutes to village, schools, pool & park.
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BERKELEY $645,000
1606 BLAKE ST SAT/SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA 1910 Berkeley home on three levels. Romantic attic master suite w/view of SF/GG Bridge.
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OAKLAND $639,000
149 THOUSAND OAKS ST SUN 2 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA Chic townhome, updated baths, new carpet, large yard, views www.149ThousandOaksSt.com.
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BERKELEY $629,000
1317 PARKER ST SUN 2 - 4
4 BR 2 BA Appealing duplex, hdwd flrs, lg backyard, 2-BR units, rent control exempt if owner-occupied.
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HERCULES $615,000
127 PINOLE ST SUN 1 - 4
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7086 SAYRE DR SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Serene! Lg rumpus/offc w/ separate entrance, 2 decks w/hot tub. Easy expansion potential!
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GLENVIEW $599,000
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3107 BERLIN WAY SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA www.BerlinWay.com. See Web site for more. Wonderful home located on high side of the street.
JAMES BROWN 510.339.4700

OAKLAND/MILLSMONT $485,000
3221 61ST AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA California bungalow w/bay wndws, back deck, remod kit. Delightful home, must see!
LAURA ARECHIGA 510.486.1495

LAKE MERRITT $379,000
388 SANTA CLARA AVE 202 SUN 2 - 4:30
1++ BR 1.5 BA NEW PRICE! Great location! Spacious flr plan w/BONUS rm, frplc, balcony, W/D, parking & more
CJ BOYDSTON 510.339.4700

PIEDMONT AVE. $359,000
388 SANTA CLARA AVE 202 SUN 2 - 4:30
1++ BR 1 BA NEW PRICE! Sunny w/ sweeping views. close to shops & transportation.
GEORGE KARSANT 510.339.4700

BY APPOINTMENT

ROCKRIDGE $625,000
2 BR 1 BA Bright & sunny vintage cottage with many quality upgrades. Gourmet kitchen, remod bath, FDR, hrdwd flrs, skylights. www.5109Lawton.com
HOLLY ROSE 510.486.1495



MAXWELL PARK $524,000
2 BR 2 BA Price Reduced! Light-filled Mediterranean, huge yrd, dual pane windows & French doors.
LAURA ARECHIGA 510.486.1495

JACK LONDON SQUARE $485,000
1 BR 1 BA Dramatic loft w/private deck. Spacious & light corner unit, near BART, ferry, farmers market & more!
BONNIE ROSS 510.339.4700

LOTS

BAY VIEW LOT $499,000
Rare chance to buy into a unique building project! Permits just issued for an exciting residence set amid wooded open spaces.
PETER NICOLOPOULOS 510.339.4700

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Kitchen

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painted cabinets that highlight every drip. Instead, choose vinyl or urethaned hardwood floors, wood tone cabinets, and stainless steel alternative finishes that don't show fingerprints," Cheever said.

What are your favorite things to do in the kitchen? Do you love to linger over the morning paper with a pot of gourmet coffee? Then an investment in a built-in coffee maker and special cabinets for storing your mugs and coffees makes sense. Do you love to bake? Then putting in a lowered marble counter space just for kneading, outfitted underneath with special drawers for your special baking pans, would be well worth the effort.

Do your kids like to do homework while you are making dinner? Then a special homework perch with a raised kitchen counter might be the answer, with special cubbies for storing their backpacks. "Cabinets today are so specialized, you can create your own personal activity zones," Cheever said.

But perhaps the most important thing to remember, experts agree, is there is only one right way to design a kitchen: your way. "Just because other houses in your neighborhood have granite counters doesn't mean you need them. Maybe you'd be happier spending that money on a wine chiller or a walk-in pantry. Put your money where your heart is, and you'll ultimately make all the right remodeling decisions," Cheever said.

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A GARDENER'S PARADISE!

Adorable cottage with an attached two-car garage on 1/3± acre of beautifully landscaped gardens, plus a detached 500± sq. ft. In-Law Unit with a two-car garage. Gleaming hardwood floors, wood-burning fireplace and charming country kitchen. Situated on a shady lane.



33 Pidgeon Court, Lafayette — *Offered at $879,900*

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Diane Reilly 510.206.2903 sold4sure@aol.com www.sold4sure.com

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OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2-5PM

This delightful 1922 bungalow is perfectly situated in the heart of Glenview. Original Craftsman details and thoughtful updates make this 2 bedroom, 1 bath property a wonderful place to call "home." Charming formal living and dining rooms feature a beautifully tiled period fireplace and ample built-ins. An updated eat-in kitchen with hardwood floors leads to a secluded rear deck, overlooking a whimsical backyard and garden. One block to popular cafes, shopping and Dimond Park. Ideal location for commutes!





1627 Wellington Street, Oakland
Offered at $649,000

Christian Downer 510.338.1340 cdowner@pacunion.com www.pacunion.com

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BERKELEY HILLS/TILDEN ~ 60 SUNSET LANE, BERKELEY

Spacious, updated contemporary 4-5 BR, 3 BA home with great layout, ample parking, fabulous decks and patios. Fully landscaped .25± acre lot with level lawn and private, gorgeous gardens. Hardwood floors throughout. Wonderful Tilden Park hills location and views. Ready for new owners, full inspections complete. True indoor/outdoor entertainment and enjoyment!

Offered for $1,185,000

Alyssa Taubman 415.518.1558 ajtaubman@aol.com www.pacunion.com

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NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING
OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1-5PM
SPECIAL TWILIGHT TOUR WED., SEPTEMBER 27, 6-8PM



3420 Jordan Road, Oakland ~ Offered at $699,000

1st open for this Grand Architectural Gem, located near the popular Jordan Ave. Park! Beautiful craftsman style architecture graces this spacious 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home. Gracious formal living in the living room and adjoining formal dining room offering the best of 1926 detailing. Gleaming hardwoods, wood trim moldings, high ceilings, built-ins and beautifully tiled fireplace. A private rear deck off the upper level is perfect for sunning or a quiet morning with a good book or bird watching! Great access to the beautiful all level rear garden and patio area. A real bonus is that the property has 2 detached garages, one which is near the garden and serves as a workshop, home office. This space offers a wealth of possibilities. Stop by and enjoy a latte, tea or cold drink in the lovely patio garden. You won't be sorry you dropped in. This is a wonderful and unique home, located on a terrific street.



Diane Earl McCan 510.912.2861 www.dianemccan.com

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OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2-4:





1327 Allston Way, Berkeley ~ Offered at $519,

Darling Bungalow! Mediterranean-inspired 2 bedroom bungalow in Berkeley neighborhood close to Andronico's gourmet grocery Bread Workshop cafe, Strawberry Creek Park and art studio comple & more! Hardwood floors, built-ins, eat-in country kitchen, deck &

Lorri Arazi 510.338.1330 www.Lorri

PACIFIC UNION
GMAC Real Estate
OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2-4:30

Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse offers sweeping bay vistas. (San Francisco view from level yard). Upgraded kitchen with new stainless appliances, granite counters. Maple floors in living room, dining area and one bedroom. Two car garage, community pool. Tranquil living with easy access to freeway - the best of all worlds. Come see this outstanding property!





33 Chimney Rock, Oakland
Offered at $639,000

Robyn Mohr 510.338.1310 robyn@robyn

PACIFIC UNION
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118 Bates Court, Orinda ~ Open Sunday, September 24





NEW LISTING! At the end of a cul-de-sac close to Orinda Village, all level 4BR/2.5BA situated on .5±AC with views of Mt. Diablo and level lawns. Unbelievable outdoor kitchen, pool, spa & waterfall creates a Paradise in Orinda!

Offered at $1,795,000

Nancy Rothman 925.253.6209 www.NancyRoth www.pacun

OPEN SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2-5
BACK ON!



7111 NORFOLK ROAD
CLAREMONT HILLS

Spectacular NEW custom contemporary atop the Claremont Hills. 4+BR/4.5BA. Breathtaking San Francisco views.
Offered at $2,348,000

OPEN SUNDAY, SEPT. 24,
NEW CONSTRUCTION



1999 TUNNEL ROAD
CLAREMONT HILLS

Brand NEW custom contemporary with fabulous indoor/outdoor
4BR/3.5BA.
Offered at $1,549,

OPEN SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2-4:30
TOP LOCATION!



630 HADDON ROAD
HADDON HILL

Picture perfect Dutch Colonial. Remodeled kitchen & bath, beautifully landscaped yard. 3+BR/3BA.
Offered at $995,000

OPEN SUNDAY, SEPT. 24,
JUST LISTED!



738 MANDANA
CROCKER HIGHL

Chic bungalow in prime location kitchen and bath, fireplace, deck
Offered at $650,



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Claremont Pines
Open Sunday, September 24, 2-4:30pm



Dee Knowland
510.338.1318



77 Bowling Drive, Oakland
Offered at $3,400,000

This F. Eugene Barton architectural treasure was built in 1935 with impressive woodwork, grand formal rooms, two fireplaces, a grand foyer, and magnificcent gardens. The home sits on a park-like level corner double lot with mature landscaping & meandering pathways. Located in prestigious Claremont Pines, this property is just minutes from SF freeways, shopping and dining.



Dan Joy
510.338.1304

New Listing
Open Sunday, September 24, 2-4:30pm



933 57th Street, Oakland
Offered at $699,000

This home will WOW you! Stunning remodeled Craftsman compound. 2 bedrooms/1 bath up with gorgeous finishes including Venetian plaster walls, cherry cabinets in kitchen, and beautiful tile in bath. 2 bedroom/1 bath non-conforming au-pair down with separate laundry. In the back yard, a nearly 800 sq. ft. studio divided in two parts. Outdoor planting and entertaining area. Close to transportation, shopping, entertainment, and restaurants. For more information www.933FiftySeventh.com

New Oakland Listing
Open Sunday, September 24, 2-4:30pm



ey Neidleman
10.338.1385



440 38th Street #A, Oakland
Offered at $559,000

Three year old 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse has a fenced front yard, beautiful floors, abundant storage space, double-paned windows throughout, versatile dining/living area and galley-style kitchen with granite and stainless steel, washer/dryer, and a 1-car attached garage. Great Temescal location! Go to www.jeffreyneidleman.com for more information.



Ashley O'Neill
510.338.1368

New Adams Point Listing
Open Sunday, September 24, 2-4:30pm



389 Belmont Street #408, Oakland
Offered at $479,000

Rare find top floor corner condominium. Spacious sunny living and dining areas that open onto a large balcony. Eat-in kitchen with many cabinets, great storage. Master suite has a walk-in closet. Washer/dryer in the unit, new carpet, fresh paint, secure parking. Close to shops, restaurants and farmers market. Ideal location for commuters.

Open Sunday 2:00-4:30

***AKLAND HILLS* $3,995,000**
95 ROCKINGHAM CT.
...stmark of modern art and workmanship. ...ectacular 4 bridge views. Grand courtyard. ...ast cul-de-sac. Sumptuous theater and wine ...ar. 6+BR/6+BA. David Ichikawa x1331

***PPER ROCKRIDGE* $2,500,000**
35 MANCHESTER AVE.
...utiful 4++BR/4++BA Tradtional w/fabulous ...g views. Master bedroom w/fireplace, billiard ...m w/fireplace & 50s style soda fountain, sepa... library, beautiful gardens. Francis Heath x1357

***LAREMONT HILLS* $2,348,000**
11 NORFOLK RD. (Open 2-5)
...acular view contemporary home designed ...Phil Perkins. 4+BR/4.5BA, open living & ...ing areas, slate terraces, wired media rooms, ...home office. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

***AYETTE* $1,995,000**
66 QUAIL RIDGE RD. (Open 1-4)
...e Price! Ultra-sleek contemporary remodeled ...e inspired eclectic flair. Unique stainless steel ...n, stone floors, chef's kitchen. Glass-walled ...m, pool & sweeping views. Steven Biasatti x1379

***PPER ROCKRIDGE* $1,599,000**
34 COCHRANE AVE.
...ic contemporary on prime street. Uplifting ...m with high ceilings, fine details and gener... ...ctures. 4BR/2++BA, game room, family ...m with fireplace. Cherie Corbin x1331

***LAREMONT HILLS* $1,549,000**
99 TUNNEL RD. (Open 2-5)
...ful new Richard Janzen designed custom con... ...ntry. 4BR/3.5BA, elevator, separate guest ...uite suite, gourmet kitchen, level indoor/out... ...living areas. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

***PPER ROCKRIDGE* $1,395,000**
59 BUENA VISTA AVE.
...ific 4+ bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Bay ...Level from street, master and study ...ently located on main level. David ...ow x1331

***PPER ROCKRIDGE* $1,395,000**
457 BROOKSIDE AVE.
...tiful Mark Becker designed 4BR/3.5BA ...erranean built in 2000. Gourmet eat-in ...m, formal dining room level-out to gar... ...e patio. Dee Knowland x1318



***BERKELEY* $1,395,000**
2925 HILLEGASS AVE.
New Listing! 6+BR/3.5BA. Majestic brown shingle in Elmwood with in-law quarters. Large sunny garden & rear deck. French country kitchen. Jack McPhail x1336 & Leslie Easterday x1363

***UPPER ROCKRIDGE* $1,350,000**
5377 HILLTOP CRES.
Wonderful updated mid-century in serene setting with walls of glass to fabulous level-out patio, mature landscaping & bay view. 4BR/3BA. Carla Buffington x1367

***BERKELEY* $1,350,000**
669 EUCLID AVE.
4++BR/3+BA. Fabulous contemporary with sweeping San Frantisco & Golden Gate Bridge views. Vaulted ceiling. Separate home office. Nancy Noman x1373

***HADDON HILL* $995,000**
630 HADDON RD.
Turn-of-the-century Dutch Colonial with 3+BR/3BA, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & bath, large master suite with fireplace. 2-car garage. Sandi Klemmer x1314

***MONTCLAIR* $969,000**
5977 HARBORD DR.
Elegant & charming 4BR/2.5BA home located on the Piedmont side of Montclair. Soaring ceilings, skylights, canyon views from most rooms. Large lot. Jane Strauch x1332

***ADAMS POINT* $968,000**
403 PERKINS AVE.
1920 Art Deco gem. Unique spacious rooms, approx. 3944 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen, 3+BR/3BA plus a 1BR/1BA updated unit. Garage parking. Michelle Miller x1335

***GRAND LAKE* $949,000**
578 MIRA VISTA AVE.
Huge price reduction! Stately traditional gem in the popular Rose Garden area. Wonderful original architectural detail with modern upgrades. Beautiful vistas. 4+BR/2+BA. Erika Celestre x1370



***PIEDMONT* $925,000**
235 GREENBANK AVE.
Stylish, crisp Victorian w/rich period detail & traditional finishes. Light-filled, clean-lined, comfortable rooms. 2BR/1+BA, den, family room, office. Martha Holstlaw x1312

***PIEDMONT* $899,000**
361 MORAGA AVE.
New Price! Wonderful 4BR/2BA level-in home is conveniently located close to schools & Piedmont Avenue. Beautiful colors, updated kitchen, generous-sized public rooms. Dana Dworin x1384

***MONTCLAIR* $899,000**
1880 ARROWHEAD DR.
Dramatic 3BR/3BA Contemporary. Sunny & quiet. High ceilings throughout. Large living room, kitchen/family room combo, decks on each level. Top quality finishes. Dick Cohen x1308

***UPPER ROCKRIDGE* $865,000**
4878 HARBORD DR.
Bay view home built in 1955 with clean, simple style. 3BR/3BA, living/dining room combination, large eat-in kitchen, family room & office. Donna Costella x1355

***PLEASANT HILL* $839,000**
113 HAZELTINE CIR. (Open 1-5)
Stunning Julian Woods Traditional. 4BR/2.5BA. Designer landscaping, large kitchen, den, fireplace, 3-car garage. www.113Hazeltine.com. Terilynn Medrano 925-818-6412

***BERKELEY* $799,000**
1443 JOSEPHINE ST.
Charming 2-story Craftsman near Gourmet Ghetto. Remodeled kitchen. Cozy study. Pretty garden. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Nancy Noman x1373

***CROCKER HIGHLANDS* $739,000**
1381 HOLMAN RD.
New Price! Delightful 3BR/2BA home in Trestle Glen area. Upgraded kitchen with sliding glass doors, spacious master bedroom, large basement, garage. Dolores Thom x1364

***LAUREL* $739,000**
3001 WISCONSIN ST.
Charming 1934 English Tudor with all the amenities of a newer home. 3BR/1+BA, large kitchen, breakfast room, formal dining, hardwood floors, fireplace. Yard w/hot tub. Kathy Flynn x1317

***SAN LEANDRO* $725,000**
818 COLLIER DR. (Open 1-4)
Estudillo Estates. Spacious traditional split level w/beautiful architectural details. 3BR/1.5BA, hardwood floors, formal dining, garage. Donna DeBardi x1374



***REDWOOD HEIGHTS* $699,000**
3420 JORDAN RD. (Open 1-5)
New Listing! Grand architectural gem. Beautiful 2BR/1.5BA home. Hardwood floors, wood trim moldings, high ceilings, built-ins & tiled fireplace. Deck, garden. Diane E. McCan x1352

***PIEDMONT AVENUE* $675,000**
4450 MORAGA AVE.
Classic 1924 bungalow-style home. Fabulous newer kitchen, 1 year new roof, newer sewer line. Side deck, yard & hot tub. 3BR/1BA. Ann Nichols x1319

***CROCKER HIGHLANDS* $650,000**
738 MANDANA BLVD.
Chic 1920's bungalow in prime location. 3+BR/1BA, updated kitchen & bath, gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace, deck, new windows & doors. Jackie Care x1378

***GLENVIEW* $649,000**
1627 WELLINGTON ST. (Open 2-5)
Delightful 1922 bungalow in the heart of Glenview. 2BR/1BA, original craftsman details, tiled fireplace, ample built-ins. Updated eat-in kitchen, deck, garden. Christian Downer x1340

***JACK LONDON SQUARE* $649,000**
201 4TH ST. #411 (Open Sat & Sun)
Sophisticated loft living from this bright 2BR/2BA corner unit. Custom upgrades & finishes. Beautifully painted, hi-end lighting, granite counters. Dan Joy x1304

***MONTCLAIR* $649,000**
6301 PINEHAVEN RD.
Charming one level home in wooded setting. Detached garage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Freshly painted & refinished hardwood floors. Wendy Ferrari x1303

***OAKLAND HILLS* $639,000**
33 CHIMNEY ROCK
Tranquil south bay views. Beautifully upgraded 3BR/2.5BA townhouse, stainless appliances, granite counters, maple floors, SF view from level yard, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr x1310

***REDWOOD HEIGHTS* $599,000**
51 TERALYNN CT.
Stylish 2-story townhouse w/outstanding South Bay views. Large open living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, spacious kitchen & dining area, 2BR/2.5BA. Lori Lombardo x1377

***CROCKER HIGHLANDS* $589,000**
1371 HOLMAN RD.
New Price! Cheery 1925 Mediterranean, 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & bath, refinished hardwood floors, fireplace, landscaped front. Rear patio/garden, garage. Dolores Thom x1364

***SAN LEANDRO* $584,000**
224 OAKES BLVD. (Open 1-4)
Gorgeous updated craftsman. 2BR/1BA. Updated electrical, plumbing, heating, 4 year old roof, 2-car garage, gourmet kitchen with hardwood, granite, built-in benches. Michelle Miller x1335



***EMERYVILLE* $539,000**
1050 45TH ST.
New Price! Arts & Crafts tiled fireplace, built-ins, vintage stove, retro lino, 2 bedrooms, breakfast room, bonus room, full basement, landscaped garden. Lorri Arazi x1330

***BERKELEY* $519,000**
1327 ALLSTON WY. (Open 2-4)
Darling Mediterranean-inspired 2BR/1BA bungalow in central location. Arched front window, formal dining room, built-ins, deck, garden. Lorri Arazi x1330

By Appointment

***AKLAND HILLS* $1,695,000**
...built-traditional on 1+ acre. Gourmet ...w/adjoining family room. 4+BR/4BA, ...dditioning. Pool & expansive indoor-outdoor ...ms. Deir Cohen x1308 & Sandi Klemmer x1314

***ERKELEY* $960,000**
...BA. Romantic brown shingle + cottage ...Gourmet Ghetto. San Francisco & Golden ...views. Remodeled kitchen. Lush garden. ...Chez Panisse. Nancy Noman x1373

***ORTH BERKELEY* $924,500**
...ownership sale contingent upon court con... ...hearing scheduled for October 24, 2006. ...overbid must be $924,500, "as is", and ...ngent. Tour @ GiniErck.com. x1339



***SAN LEANDRO* $839,000**
Classic 1929 Tudor in Estudillo Estates. Updated kitchen & bath, gracious formal rooms, 3BR/1++BA, charming breakfast room, family room & expansion potential. Michelle Miller x1335

***CROCKER HIGHLANDS* $735,000**
Traditional 3BR/1BA home with separate living & dining rooms. Sensibly arranged kitchen with eat-in breakfast area. Conveniently located. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385

***REDWOOD HEIGHTS* $729,000**
Stately English with distinct architectural details. 3BR/1BA, hardwood floors, fireplace. Charming kitchen with breakfast room, wonderful home office, garden. Diane E. McCan x1352

***BERKELEY* $725,000**
Charming 2+BR/1.5BA split-level bungalow. Beautiful remodeled kitchen & baths. Plus room to park-like yard. Hardwood floors. Two blocks to BART. Nancy Noman x1373

***BERKELEY* $650,000**
Fabulous, sun-filled three-level live-work condominium. two-plus bedrooms, two-plus baths. Soaring ceilings. Dramatic! Nancy Noman x1373



***REDWOOD HEIGHTS* $639,000**
Handsome craftsman built in 1928. Tiled fireplace, built-ins, hardwood floors, stained glass windows. Remodeled kitchen, 2BR/1BA, garage, garden. Diane E. McCan x1352

***OAKLAND* $619,000**
Luxurious upgraded lake view condominium at The Essex. Large unit with two bedrooms, two bathrooms. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385

***REDWOOD HEIGHTS* $599,000**
Beautifully maintained & recently remodeled 2BR/1.5BA Traditional in the Redwood Heights School District. Lovely patio & garden. Diane E. McCan x1352

***SAN LEANDRO* $589,000**
Charming 3BR/2BA home. Flexible floor plan & great entertaining flow, eat-in kitchen, formal dining w/built-ins, master bedroom w/back deck & yard access. 2 car garage. Michelle Miller x1335

***ADAMS POINT* $235,000**
Sophisticated Zen Alcove Studio - West Elm meets Ikea. Newer kitchen, updated bathroom, newer carpet, freshly painted in designer colors. Peaceful patio. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

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51 Teralynn Court, Oakland - Offered at $599,000



Outstanding South Bay views from this Redwood Heights Townhouse. Large open living room with vaulted ceiling & fireplace, spacious kitchen & dining area and 2 master suites downstairs – all freshly painted plus new flooring & fixtures. Attached 2 car garage, low HOA dues, convenient to parks, shopping & transportation.

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16 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland



A cheerful and cozy 1908 Victorian with a comfortable floor plan and charming details. 2 sunny bedrooms, a formal dining room, and a wonderfully updated kitchen. Enjoy entertaining friends on the deck under a big tree in the level back yard. And you are so close to Piedmont Avenue and its delights and conveniences in restaurants, shops and services!

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Saratoga Bancorp 800-935-6266 DRE#01220328	30-yr Fixed 6.125 . . .0.000 6.317 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.375 . . .0.000 6.400 30	5/1 ARM 5.875 . . .0.000 6.855 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 6.000 . . 0.000 6.851. 30	1.00% ARM. All Credits/Incomes Fast Home Equity Loans! Hard Money Loans www.saratogabancorp.com
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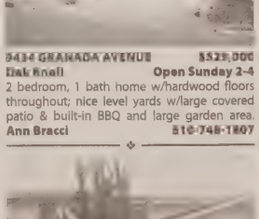
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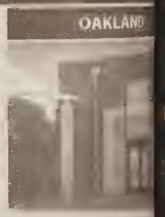


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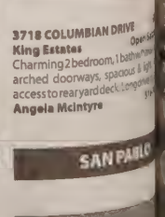


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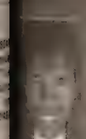
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Decorate using the Feng Shui principles

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Feng Shui (pronounced "fung shway") is Chinese for "wind and water," and it's a continuing trend in home decorating. Though Feng Shui is actually an ancient Chinese discipline stretching back thousands of years, the modern interpretation takes some of the basic philosophy about harmony, balance and nature and incorporates it into various dictums around room design and object placement.

Some of these dictums make a certain amount of common sense. Others derived from when Feng Shui was used to select palace and burial sites for royalty and landed gentry and which promise benefits in romance, career and money, well, you might want to take these with a grain of salt.

If you're thinking of redecorating a room or building a home and would like to take Feng Shui into account, do some reading on the subject beforehand and talk to a number of different consultants to find out what interpretation of Feng Shui suits you best. There are even computer programs that explain and utilize Feng Shui principles to help you design and lay out your home.

Basically, Feng Shui is about flow — the free flow of positive energy through a space, the ability of negative energy to leave a space, not allowing negative influences to be trapped in certain areas and ensuring that positive influences remain in those areas. Sound complicated? It's not, really. Basically, Feng Shui deals with squares and rectangles — that breakfast nook or sleeping alcove you've been planning could throw off the balance and harmony.

While your Feng Shui practitioner can tell you more, each home is divided into nine areas with the baseline being the entrance or front door. In other words, you might want to locate your home office in the "wealth" area or, if you're starting a home pie-baking business, you might be happy to know your kitchen is in the "career" area of your home.

Feng Shui also has to do with the placement of decorative elements. For example, a statue of Rodin's "The Lovers" might just be the perfect thing to place in your "Love/Marriage" area — that's back, and to the right of, the front door.

You might want to place some token of acknowledgement of each Feng Shui area in the appropriate spot in your home — keep that Mason jar full of loose change in your wealth area and your encyclopedia in your wisdom and knowledge area.

There are also various less literal minded ways of symbolizing the energy you're trying to enhance in areas of your home. For example, the color red is a highly energetic and positive color. Mirrors and glass reflect and refract energy throughout a space.

Though using a professional Feng Shui practitioner is strongly recommended, here are some other interesting Feng Shui decorating tips:

- Red represents strength, warmth and energy. But you can have too much of a good thing. Too much red may make a room, and what happens in it, volatile.
- In your bedroom, place objects in pairs — to signify you want to have a lasting, loving marriage. Don't have anything in threes — that signifies something else entirely. If you find that you're fighting a lot, remove or cover mirrors because they just magnify bad energy.
- For all you lonely guys and gals out there, if you want to attract a partner, pull that bed out from the wall — you need to be able to get to it from two sides.
- If you've been having a lot of health problems, look at that area (the left middle from the front door or the center left of a room) and see what's there. Is it a messy closet, a cluttered bureau, or maybe where you keep the garbage? Clearing these areas out and restoring order may just restore your health as well — and it certainly couldn't hurt.
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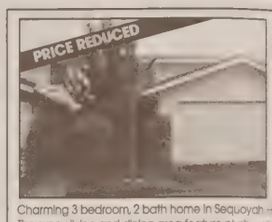
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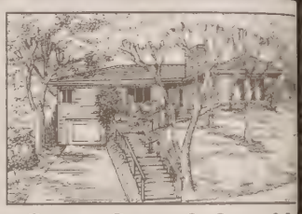


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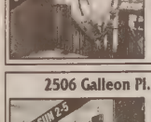
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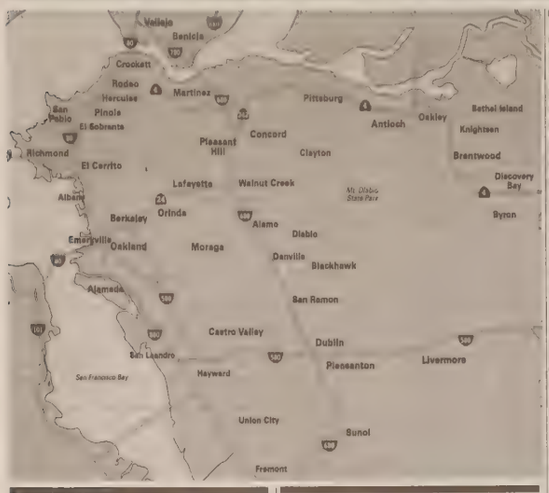
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The Grubb Co. Ruth Franssetto

$425,000 910 58th St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-292-2029
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$430,000 250 Whitmore St #101 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1:30-4:30 510-292-2012
Red Oak Realty Aaron Baluyot

$430,000 3030 Martin Luther King Way 4bd/1.5ba
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Open Sat/Sun. 2-5 Melrose Heights 510-428-0900
Prudential Piedmont Eric N. Silverman

$445,000 823 Apgar St 2bd/1.5ba
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Windermere Real Estate Janet Kaplan

$448,000 2323 Magnolia #9 LOFT
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Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian

$449,000 3528 Penniman Ave 2+bd/1ba
Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Vince Moran

$449,000 3944 Brookdale Ave 2bd/1ba
Sun 2-4 510-527-9111
Marvin Gardens Jean Shrem/Marni Fischer

$449,000 525 Monte Vista Ave #10 2bd/2ba
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Montclair Better Homes Nader Davari

$450,000 3016 Florida St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Laurel 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Mary Dresser

$459,000 1026 Aileen 3BD/2BA
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$459,000 3520 Brookdale 2+bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-5 Laurel Lower 510-845-0211
Prudential Claremont Debra Alber

$465,000 1477 Tucker St 2bd/2.5ba
Open Sun.2-5 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Regina Jacobs

$469,000 5932 Mauritania Avenue 3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Millsmont 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Helene Barkin

$469,000 740-43rd St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-5 No. Oakland 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Michael Stephens

$470,000 255-3rd St 1bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-5 Jack London Sq 510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair Susan Lambert

$479,000 330 Park View Terr. #410 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1-5 Adams Pt 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Jennie Lippincott

$479,000 389 Belmont Street #408 2BD/2BA
Open 2-4:30 Adams Point 510-338-1368
Pacific Union Residential Ashley O'Neill

$479,950 1 Lakeside Drive #213 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 925-998-1069
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$485,000 3221 61 St Avenue 3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-486-1495
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$485,000 670 Vernon Street #102 2BD/1BA
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The Grubb Co. Michelle Winchester

$489,000 8204 A St. 3bd/2.5ba
Open Sun. 1-4 510-444-8420
Boulevard Equity Group Rene Boisvert

$494,000 311 Oak St. Loft 509 1bd/1.5ba
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$495,000 5410 Market St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-4 510-292-2025
Red Oak Realty Gillian Leaper

$495,000 952 42nd St 2bd/1ba
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Prudential Montclair Gene Boomer

$499,000 1433 E. 33rd St. 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-594-7455, x202
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$499,000 4715 Park Blvd. #1&2 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5 510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors Lois Johnson

$499,000 6024 Mauritania Avenue 3BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Millsmont 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. Karen Starr

$499,000 750 Oakland Avenue #201 2BD/2BA
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The Grubb Co. Katherine Cooper

$499,950 2740-22nd Ave. 4BD/2BA
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$505,000 3107 Berlin Way 2BD/1BA
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Coldwell Banker James Brown

$518,888 1634 E 31 St 3bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Highland Heights 415-424-9282
Prudential Claremont James Slater

$519,000 4715 Park Blvd. #3 & 4 2BD/1BA
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$525,000 1291 107th Ave 2+bd/2ba
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$525,000 2845 Madera AVe 2bd/1ba
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Prudential Grand Lake Richard Matus

$529,000 9434 Granda Avenue 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 Oak Knoll 510-748-1807/748-1172
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$535,000 5627 Morse Dr 2+bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Maxwell Park 510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes Rosie Nysaether

$539,000 1673 Miami Ct 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2126
Red Oak Realty Leif Jenssen

$539,000 3657 Maple Avenue 2BD/1BA
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The Grubb Co. Mavis DelaCroix

$539,000 585 9th ST #307 2bd/2ba
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Open Sat/Sun. 12-5 510-435-6229
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$545,000 3718 Columbian Dr. 2BD/1BA
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$545,000 4758 Fair Ave 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-4 Laurel District 510-380-6017
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$549,000 311 4th St. #123 LOFT
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$558,000 2917 Coolidge Ave 4bd/2ba
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$570,000 2944 58th Ave 3bd/2ba
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$575,000 300 Caldecott Lane 2BD/2BA
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The Grubb Co. Michelle Winchester

$575,000 5930 Vallejo St 2+bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-292-2030
Red Oak Realty Catherine Stern

$579,000 585 9th St #420 2bd/2ba
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Montclair Better Homes Adele Wong

$580,000 3115 Texas St 3bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 Laurel 510-339-9290
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$585,000 840 22nd St. 4 BD/2 BA
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$595,000 3417 Laguna Ave DUPLEX
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$598,000 2929 75th Avenue 4BD/2.5BA
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Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-339-8400
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$665,000 7749 Sunkist 4+bd/3ba
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Prudential Montclair Mary Dresser

$675,000 226 29th Street 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-339-8400
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The Grubb Co. Colette Ford

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$689,000 3372 Victor Ave. 2+BD/2BA
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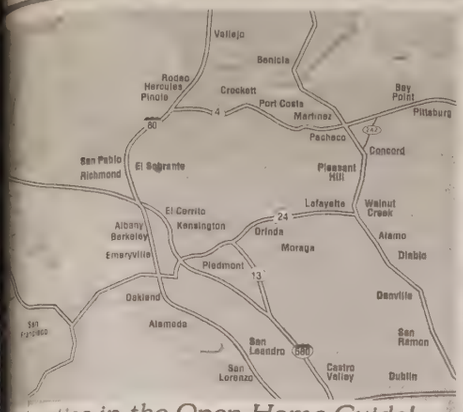
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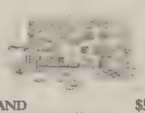
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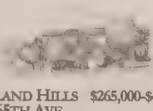
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Around the horn

Monarchs stun Panthers in BSAL opener

In what can only be described as a huge upset, Holy Names High School girls volleyball team defeated defending NorCal champion St. Mary's on Oct. 15, 25-17, 17-25, 17-25, 25-14, 15-6 to throw the Bay Shore Athletic League standings into upheaval after each team's opening league match. "I definitely expected a lot of them, but they definitely went out there with something to prove and they did it." Monarchs coach Marisol Guevara said. Leading the charge for Holy Names was Guevara's younger sister, Conchita, with 22 assists, three digs, and two aces from her setter position. St. Mary's, playing without its standout hitter Tarah Murray, got outstanding efforts from Genny Pezzola (19 kills, 14 digs, 4 assists) and Laura Challis (16 kills, 10 assists).

— Ben Enos

Different sport same result

The Piedmont High School girls golf team isn't the only squad on the campus that is not ready to give up its perch atop the BSAL. The Highlanders golf team continued its dominance in the BSAL with a 7-0 win over St. Patrick St. Vincent on Sept. 14. Olivia Stutz and Nina Ozier needed three sets to win their singles matches, while teammates Lizzy Ireland and Gabby Yao-Cohen needed two sets. Piedmont's doubles teams of Lynn Zukerman and Amanda Coleman and Eva Bassett and Melanie Fish and Kayla Landes-Breman and Lani Fung all beat their Brutin opponents in two sets. The Highlanders have never lost a BSAL match since the league formed in 2000. It's also believed that the last time Piedmont lost a league tennis match was back in 1998 when it was in the ACCAL.

— Robert Jordan

Streak broken

The Berkeley girls tennis team ended Alameda's 31-match winning streak at 31 matches with a 5-2 victory on Tuesday. The last time the Hornets lost an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League team match was Sept. 23, 2003, when they fell to Berkeley 4-3. On Tuesday, the Yellow Jackets' No. 2 doubles team of freshmen Ellen Williams and Jasmine Blau clinched the team victory with a 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 win over Lydia Tang and Sophia Shin.

— Phil Jensen

Coaches coaching coaches

Current St. Joseph Notre Dame boys basketball coach Don Lippi and former St. Joseph and Bishop O'Dowd coach Mike Phelps will lend their expertise to a coaching seminar at Encinal High School on Saturday, Oct. 7. The seminar, open to any grade school, high school or Amateur Athletic Union coach, will run from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., or until the last coach leaves. Lippi and Phelps plan a comprehensive package of topics, including team selection, player bonding, conditioning, community service and season preparations. The championship-winning coaches also will share their philosophies of on-court basics such as offense, defense and game adjustments. Cost is $20 and includes lunch. Sign-up deadline is Monday, Oct. 2, for those wanting lunch, walk-ups will be accepted. Call 814-7145 or e-mail dlipp@sind.org for details.

— Mike McGreehan

On deck

Bishop O'Dowd at Deer Valley/Antioch Tournament, girls golf, Sept. 25, 1 p.m., Lone Tree Golf Course — Kim Green will look to continue her strong play, and the Lady Dragons take a step up in competition when they travel to Antioch for this non-league competition.

Maxx-Royce vs. California School for the Deaf, girls volleyball, Sept. 28, 5:00 p.m. —This early-season BQ-East match against the Eagles should provide the Jayhawks with an opportunity to gain some momentum in league competition. New coach Loren Nguyen is looking to build on the Jayhawks' 7-17 record in 2005.

St. Mary's at Piedmont, girls volleyball, Sept. 26, 4 p.m. — This could be an interesting match. The Highlanders won their BSAL opener against St. Joseph Notre Dame in a three-game sweep, and the Gaels lost to Holy Names in five games.

St. Mary's at Albany, girls tennis, Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m. — Last year, the Panthers won both BSAL regular-season matches against the Cougars by 4-3 scores.

Alameda at Encinal, boys and girls water polo, Sept. 28, 4 p.m. — The ACCAL season starts with a bang as the island rivals meet.

Encinal at Alameda, girls volleyball, Sept. 28, 4 p.m. — At the other end of town, meanwhile, the Encinal-Hornets rivalry heats up the start of the ACCAL season in another sport.

Encinal at Alameda, girls tennis, Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m. — From an athletic standpoint, it seems the Gold and Hornets will keep one another busy this season. Fans of island sports will have plenty from which to choose.

Stars of the week

Jordan Foley, Skyline football — Foley had a breakout game in the Titans' 42-20 loss to James Logan on Sept. 15, rushing for 164 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries.

Eric McDaniel, El Cerrito football — McDaniel was named for a game-high 118 yards on 10 carries, including two touchdown runs of 5 and 50 yards, in the Panthers' 50-20 win over St. Mary's.

Lanny Kelly, St. Mary's football — Kelly caught a game-high six passes for 121 yards, including two touchdown grabs of 3, 21 and 76 yards, in the Panthers' 50-20 loss to St. Mary's

Cedric Roberson, Albany football — Roberson was named for a team-high 137 yards on 14 carries, and scored on a 35-yard run and 90-yard punt return in the Cougars' 21-20 loss to Mission San Jose.



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DON MIGUEL TUTASS (3) tries to get past St. Mary's Therence James. The El Cerrito quarterback went 9-for-13 for 194 yards and a touchdown.

No stopping El Cerrito

■ Gauchos score on four of their first five possessions, overwhelm St. Mary's 50-20

FOOTBALL

By Ben Enos
STAFF WRITER

No one would have blamed St. Mary's coach Bert Bertero if he entered last Friday night's game against host El Cerrito looking to prevent the combination of quarterback Don Miguel Tutass and receiver Chris Moncrease from beating his Panthers.

What that scheme would have lacked, though, is an answer to the question of how to stop the other Gaucho threats, namely Michael Hicks and Eric McDaniel.

As the Panthers found out quickly, the Gauchos seem to take pride in spreading the ball around.

McDaniel's 10 rushes for 118 yards and two touchdowns combined with Hicks' four receptions for 130 yards and a touchdown to form an unstoppable combination for the Gauchos in a 50-20 victory over the Panthers.

El Cerrito (2-0) had little trouble moving the ball in the first half, scoring touchdowns on four of its five possessions. In the middle of the action was Hicks, who provided the biggest thrill of the night for El Cerrito by taking a pass from Tutass and turning it into a 59-yard touchdown strike just before halftime.

"We hooked up over the summer, just throwing the ball around and running routes. I guess it's like a brotherhood," Hicks said.

Complicating matters for St. Mary's (1-1) was the fact that quarterback Mike Lombardi had to leave the game late in the first quarter with what coach Bert Bertero called a "definite concussion" after being hit while scrambling for a first down.

That left the comeback in the hands of Lombardi's sophomore brother Matt. After a shaky start in which two of his first three passes were intercepted, the younger Lombardi began to look quite comfortable in the pocket.

That comfort level showed in the second half when Matt Lombardi tossed touchdown passes of 3, 21, and 76 yards to senior Lanny Kelly.

"That's a sophomore, and he stepped up in the second half for us," Bertero said. "He got the ball to Kelly, which we wanted to do. But as I told the guys before, (El Cerrito) is a good squad."

Every time the Panthers tried to climb back into the game, the Gauchos had an answer. Hicks added a 90-yard kick return for a touchdown in the third quarter and McDaniel capped the scoring with a 50-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter to provide the final margin.

"We'll take the win, but we know we have to play better than this," El Cerrito coach George Austin said. "We can score on offense, but we can't afford to break down on defense like we did."

Tutass finished the game 9-of-13 for 194 yards and one touchdown, and Marvin Shepherd rushed nine times for 68 yards and a touchdown for the Gauchos. Kelly finished with six catches for 121 yards and Jeremy Allen rushed 13 times for 54 yards to lead the Panthers.

Mission San Jose 21, Albany 20: In a seesaw battle that saw the teams trade three touchdowns each, the Warriors scored last when quarterback Joey Van Deusen completed the winning pass with four seconds remaining, a heartbreaking finish for the Cougars.

The Cougars (0-2) led 20-14 with three minutes remaining, but Van Deusen — whose father Rob is the Warriors' head coach —showed poise and toughness when his team most needed him to step up.

Albany struck early in the first period on a 31-yard touchdown pass from Daniel Singh (5 for 11, 90 yards) to Aleem Brooks.

Mission San Jose (1-1) responded as Frank Yu took the ensuing kickoff 90 yards to close the gap to 7-6. The point-after-touchdown kick attempt by Van Deusen was wide.

In the second quarter Albany's all-purpose back Eric Roberson (14 carries, 137 yards, two touchdowns) put his team in front 14-6 when he fielded a punt at his 10-yard line, broke three tackles, and scampered 90 yards for a touchdown.

The Warriors scored on their first possession of the second half on a 1-yard sneak by Van Deusen, capping a 70-yard drive in which 250-pound fullback Daniel Stoops (26 rushes, 152 yards) ran the ball ten times, earning all but the final yard of the drive. Stoops then ran in the two-point conversion to tie the game at 14.

Despite being considerably outweighed, the Cougars defense stood tall throughout the game, pressuring the 6-foot-3 Van Deusen out of the pocket and out of his comfort zone.

"Our defense never gave up — they continued to fight. And offensively I liked our game plan," Albany coach Scott Shevelson said, "We got the ball to Eric. I thought we made the right calls."

With 3:20 remaining in the game, Roberson took a pitch from Singh and ran 35 yards around left end to

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Berkeley snaps Alameda's tennis streak

HIGH SCHOOL

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

Two Berkeley High School freshmen helped stop a league winning streak by the Alameda girls tennis team that lasted almost three years.

Ellen Williams and Jasmine Blau clinched Berkeley's 4-3 victory over Alameda on Tuesday at Martin Luther King Middle School with a 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 victory over Lydia Tang and Sophia Shin. The host Yellow Jackets (2-0 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at press time) ended Alameda's ACCAL team match winning streak at 31. Berkeley also beat the Hornets 4-3 on Sept. 23, 2003, the last time before Tuesday that the Hornets had lost a league match.

"They really pulled it together," said Berkeley coach Liz Holland about her squad's performance Tuesday. "We lost 13 seniors from last year, but we had really strong freshmen last year."

The Yellow Jackets swept the doubles matches, and also received a victory from No. 4 singles player Suzanne Feutz, who defeated Lauren Yeung 7-5, 6-3. Berkeley's No. 1 doubles team of Leah Feutz and Ariel Feingold-Shaw beat Cherilyn Mark and Amber Prout 6-2, 6-2. The Yellow Jackets' No. 3 doubles team of Francesca Villa and Alana Fox defeated Victoria Kam and Marissa Jackson 6-0, 6-2. Alameda fell to 2-1 in ACCAL action at press time.

Berkeley 7, Encinal 0: The visiting Yellow Jackets tuned up for their Alameda showdown with a shutout of the Jets on Sept. 14. Gretta Mattei won the No. 1 singles match 6-0, 6-1 over Nichelle Duffy.

St. Mary's 6, St. Joseph Notre Dame 1: The visiting Panthers (2-1 Bay Shore Athletic League at press time) swept the singles matches on Tuesday. No. 1 singles player Christyn Richardson won her match 6-2, 6-0 over Crystal Cajilog.

Albany 7, St. Joseph Notre Dame 0: The Cougars' singles players didn't lose more than one game per set in this convincing victory on Sept. 14 at Harbor Bay Club. Elena Pan won the No. 1 singles match 6-1, 6-2 over Cajilog.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

St. Patrick-St. Vincent d. Albany: With Tuesday's match tied at one game apiece, the visiting Cougars (6-4, 1-1 BSAL at press time) had a 24-22 lead in the third game. But the Bruins (1-0 BSAL) won the next four points, then took the fourth game for a 25-15, 23-25, 26-24, 25-22 victory. Jana Poole had 15 kills and 12 digs for the Cougars, and teammate Nicky Hagan added 13 kills and 15 digs.

Albany d. Salesian: Poole had nine kills and teammate Caitlyn Giblin passed for 17 assists in a 25-22, 25-21, 25-16 victory over the visiting Chieftains on Sept. 14.

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Lost in the Fog loses his battle with cancer

By Jay Heater
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The public may never appreciate the greatness of Lost in the Fog, who was euthanized on Sunday evening in his stall at Golden Gate Fields.

"He was just a champion," his trainer, Greg Gilchrist, said of the 4-year-old, Eclipse Award-winning colt, who had inoperable cancer. "You go back to the Aristides Handicap (at Churchill Downs) in the first part of June, to win that race under adverse conditions to say the least. He had to have those tumors in him, one as big as a football then. What a champion."

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FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the El Dorado said salmon fishing improved Saturday as the New Easy Ryder landed 14 adult salmon for 15 anglers around the Duxbury reef area. Most of the fish taken ranged between 15 and 30 pounds with many skippers reporting landings in the mid 30s. One 43-pounder was caught aboard the New El Dorado III.

Most of the anglers who have been watching and waiting for salmon were caught off-guard, as a school of kings had moved through by Sunday morning. That sent scores downward by the afternoon. A few days of windy conditions should attract more salmon action as the waters continue to cool along the coast this week.

The tuna scores experienced a setback as well, as windy conditions remained offshore, preventing most from reaching to the grounds. The predicted good weather for this weekend should provide a window for some good action, given the water conditions around the Pioneer Canyon up to the Gum Drop.

Diana Nunez of www.berkeley-marinasportfishing.com reported that the Golden Eye 2000 with Captain Quang Vo fished the Farallon Islands on Saturday, where the 23 anglers aboard caught 23 ling cod up to 12 pounds and limits of rock cod. On Sunday, the Golden Eye 2000 headed up the Marin County Coast up to Pt. Reyes, where 22 anglers caught 44 ling cod up to 27 pounds and limits of rock cod.

THE BAYS

SUISUN: Jordona Santiago of Martinez Bait & Tackle reported good fishing this week. Stripers are still being caught from the Martinez Pier and shoreline with anchovies, grass shrimp and bullhead. Sturgeon are being found at both ends of the Mothball Fleet. The tides for the weekend are pretty good throughout.

Catching stripers were Gale Winterroth of Washington (25 inches) in Benicia on bullhead, Pepe Dalestrieri of Martinez (two totaling 56 inches) from the shoreline on an anchovies/grass shrimp combo, Steve Schadegg of Pleasant Hill (two totaling 40 inches) from the shoreline on anchovies and Mike Bowles of Antioch (36 inches, 15 pounds) at Buoy 2 on a bullhead.

Jeremy Kangas of Martinez caught and released six sturgeon between 48 and 70 inches this week. All were caught between buoys 4 and 6 with eel and grass shrimp. Joseph Rojas of Sacramento caught a 56-inch, 45-pound sturgeon from the last row of ships (east end) on ghost shrimp.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fishing for rainbow trout is fair to good. The trout's average size is from 12-18 inches. Anglers are using Stone Flies, Micro Mayflies, Pheasant Tail No. 16, Bead Head Copper Johns Nos. 14-16 and Egg patterns.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON/CORNING: Portocarrero said king salmon fishing is fair to good in the Anderson area, and will keep getting better going into October and November. Anglers are catching two to four king salmon a day on average, with some up to 44 pounds already. All king salmon are 20 pounds on average and are being caught using Wordens Flatfish lures, T-50s and Chrome with a sardine wrap.

THE DELTA

Chris Alldredge of Gotcha! Bait and Tackle in Antioch said most of the fish in the area are staying in the sloughs and out of the main channel. Sturgeon are being caught in Montezuma Slough but are still scattered if you go farther east. The best salmon fishing is still two-three weeks away, but they can be had at random.

Striper fishing remains steady, but there are less shakers being caught and more keepers these days. Black bass fishing has remained consistent and crappie and bluegill fishing is still decent in the back sloughs. Alldredge suggested that if you want crappie or bluegill, just head to Driftwood Marina and use waxworms. Catfish remain active in most spots.

Louie Ballardo and Moneca Haworth caught a 2.5-pound black bass on a Rat-L-Trap at Big Break, Jennifer Sang caught a 5-pound, 6-ounce salmon on shad at Sherman Island and Mike Ives and a friend caught three stripers totaling 47 inches on Gobi's at Big Break.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot said trout have yet to start coming in on a consistent basis. It will only be a few more weeks before the lake starts getting regular trout plants again. The bass bite remains steady. Throwing out Senkos and other plastics is a good way to land a limit. The island remains one of the best spots to fish for bass.

Ken Kruse of San Lorenzo landed another whopper this past week, a 9-pounder using mackerel on the east side of the lake. Many catfish limits are still being reported. The first dock remains a hot spot for fishing at night and mackerel is the best bait to use. Catfishing will remain good until the water starts to cool off.

The bluegill bite has been great the last two weeks. Bluegill are being caught by the second dock and the island using redworms. Just like bass look for any kind of structures near the shoreline for bluegill.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said trout are starting to show up. The water is cooling down and Fish and Game has resumed trout planting. Also, regular plants from Lassen Trout Farm will begin soon. The water level remains low, which means lots of shoreline access.

Many bass are being caught at this time. Try swim baits of trout patterns or crank baits of crawfish or shad patterns. Plastic worms are working as well. Catfishing is still good with several limits being reported. Use chicken liver or shrimp. Anchovies and nightcrawlers are also working well. James Liu of El Sobrante caught a 13-pound catfish at the pines on chicken liver.

No crappie or bluegill were reported.

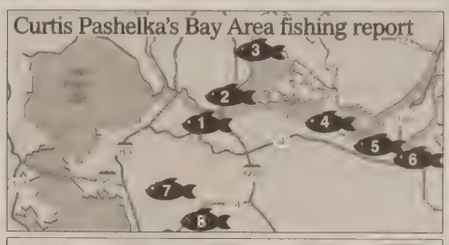
LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said the full moon phase has ended and the bite has picked up. There was a 1,200-pound plant from Calaveras Trout Farm last Friday. On the weekend trout were coming in from shore on Power Bait and night crawlers.

Those trolling for trout have found success sticking a little closer to shoreline than in weeks and months previous. Trolling past Oak Point and the Rock Wall has been productive this week. The depths you need to be at vary, but start closer to the surface in the morning and then fish a bit further out as the heat of the day increases.

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE: The staff at the Lafayette Reservoir reports good fishing with catfish, bluegill and bass all being caught. Crappie and trout were also caught, although it was a little more,challenging. A 20-inch catfish was caught from the handicap dock on meal worms, Michael Hoffman of Moraga caught bluegill from the south end on red worms and Joe Wignall from Lafayette caught a 5-pound bass on orange pencil bait.

— Compiled by Curtis Pashelka

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Poor · Fair · Good · Great · Excellent

1. Martinez Pier — Stripers are getting bigger.

2. Mothball Fleet — Sturgeon being had on east, west sides.

3. Montezuma Slough — May be the best place to catch sturgeon.

4. Pittsburg Marina — Salmon should be coming soon.

5. Antioch Pier — More keeper stripers are being had.

6. Big Break — Black bass fishing is on the upswing.

7. San Pablo Reservoir — Bass are still biting consistently.

8. Lafayette Reservoir — Bass, bluegill and catfish are all being caught.

EAST BAY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SUPER POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	2-0	Spartans go 2,300 miles to crush Elder; play Palma in Salinas
2.	Monte Vista	2-0	Three turnovers temper Mustangs' 17-7 win over Merrill West
3.	McClymonds	1-0	Warriors play at Liberty tonight, marking their only game in
4.	Pittsburg	1-1	Pirates able to draw some positives from 28-20 loss to Long
5.	Foothill	2-0	Falcons create five turnovers in 41-7 win over Berkeley
6.	Hayward	2-0	Win over San Leandro could give Farmers inside track toward
7.	San Ramon Valley	2-0	Wolves are 21-1 in nonleague games in the last five-plus
8.	Irvington	2-0	Scored four unanswered touchdowns to beat Livermore 28-14
9.	Amador Valley	2-0	Crushing Kennedy-Fremont has become an annual thing for the
10.	San Leandro	1-1	Pirates play three of their next four games at home

11. Pinole Valley (2-0), **12.** Deer Valley (2-0), **13.** Alhambra (2-0), **14.** Salesian (2-0), **15.** California (1-1), **16.** Tomas (1-1), **17.** James Logan (1-1), **18.** Miramonte (1-1), **19.** Freedom (2-0), **20. El Cerrito** (2-0).

Others receiving votes: Clayton Valley (2-0), Acalanes (2-0), Alameda (1-1), Ygnacio Valley (1-1), Bishop O'Dowd (1-1), Skyline (0-2), Oakland Tech (1-1), Benicia (2-0). The East Bay Super Poll includes Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers and the Alameda Newspapers. Records are through Saturday.

THIS WEEKEND'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES

■ **Richmond (2-0) at Albany (0-2), Cougar Field, 3:30 p.m. today**

Last week: Richmond beat Kennedy 32-22, Albany lost to Mission San Jose 21-20

Notes: The Oilers were balanced offensively against Kennedy as they rushed for 151 yards and passed for 147. Richmond quarterback Carlos Ortiz completed six of his 12 passes. Cougars quarterback Ari Colby did not play against Mission San Jose because of an injury to his right shoulder and an ankle injury, Albany coach Scott Shevelson said Wednesday.

■ **Monte Vista (2-0) at Berkeley (0-2), 5 p.m. today**

Last week: Monte Vista beat Merrill West-Tracy 17-7; Berkeley lost to Foothill 41-7

Notes: Mustangs wide receiver Ryan Whalen has 19 catches for 315 yards and five touchdown and has outgained the entire Yellow Jackets offense 315-266. Berkeley hasn't started a season 0-3 since it had back-to-back marks in the 2000 and 2001 campaigns.

■ **Hogan-Vallejo (0-2) at El Cerrito (2-0), 7 p.m. tonight**

Last Week: Hogan-Vallejo lost to Armijo-Fairfield 49-36; El Cerrito beat St. Mary's 50-20.

Notes: QB Earl Joseph rushed 24 times for 213 yards but it wasn't enough to lead the Spartans' option attack to victory against Armijo. The Gauchos poured on the the win over St. Mary's, total yards.

■ **St. Mary's (1-1) at 1:30 p.m. Saturday**

Last week: St. Mary's rito 50-20, Salesian beat 41-12

Notes: The Panthers their points against E second half. St. Mary's quarterback Matt Lorrigo pleted 11 of 19 passes to and three touchdowns. blew open a close game John Swett with 21 seconds points. Salesian's Josh Sa pleted 11 of 18 passes for and three touchdowns.

Football

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give Albany a 20-14 lead. But Philip Peterson, after converting the first two extra points, missed the kick.

Mission San Jose got the football at its own 46 and Van Deusen went to work. On a fourth-and-two play from the Albany 46, he ran six yards for a first down. And on a fourth-and-10 play, he completed a 12-yard pass to Yu at the Cougar 28.

The clock showed 50 seconds left when the Warriors called what appeared to be their third and final timeout. But after some discussion the head linesman ruled that he, not the coach, had called one of those timeouts and that Mission San Jose had one remaining. That decision would prove to be crucial as the clock wound down.

With just 18 seconds remaining and his team on the 9-yard-line, Van Deusen converted the third fourth down of the drive on a 6-yard run to the Cougar 3 and called a timeout, giving his team one more play as the scoreboard showed eight seconds.

The clock was down to four seconds when he threw a short pass to Joseph Bradford, who made a terrific leaping catch in the left corner of the end zone to tie the game at 20-20. Van Deusen then calmly kicked the point after to give Mission San Jose a dramatic victory.

Foothill 41, Berkeley 7: There has been one constant with coach Matt Sweeney's football teams over the years. If Foothill's opponents make mistakes, the Falcons make them pay.

The Yellow Jackets made a bunch Friday night and spent the better part of 48 minutes paying the price. Foothill led 10-7 after the first quarter before taking advantage of a fumble on a punt attempt, and a interception return for a touchdown by Austin Day to score 24 unanswered points in the second quarter en route to a nonleague win that pushed the Falcons' record to 2-0.

The host Yellow Jackets (0-2) committed five turnovers, three of which led to 17 points, in a disappointing follow-up to a 33-6 loss to Deer Valley two weeks ago.

And it could have been worse. Foothill had other opportunities to score but didn't capitalize on them.

The Falcons, who outgained the Yellow Jackets 263-144, didn't miss out when opportunities arose in the second quarter.

Dwayne Adams had just given Berkeley a huge boost when he intercepted a Josh Mendonca pass and raced 64 yards for a touchdown that pulled the Yellow Jackets to within 10-7 with 1:38 left in the first quarter.

Foothill answered with a 11-play, 46-yard drive, but Berkeley's defense held up and forced the Falcons to settle for Miles' 35-yard field g second of the game — 7 lead early in the seco ter.

Berkeley felt very at that point.

"We were holding Adams said. "We were them ... and then ever apart."

A bad snap with Spencer Moody in th resulted in a 21-forced Berkeley back 16. Moody went 24 fake punt on fourth defensive back Ryan tripped him up short down. Foothill took Berkeley 40.

Seven plays later, Andrews (71 yards) from the 2 to main Foothill went 63 yards plays on its next poss scored on Mendonca pass to wide receiver Johnson for a 27-7 lead to play in the half.

The capper came two minutes later. O down play from Berk 44, Moody tried a short that Day anticipated. off the ball and ramble to score with 56.9 secon the half.

Correspondent Pete Kiehart, MediaNews staff writer Jim Herendeen contributed to this roundup.

Fog

FROM PAGE 1

On Sunday, Gilchrist was called back to Lost in the Fog's barn when the horse began to visibly suffer. He immediately got in touch with Dr. Don Smith, the horse's veterinarian.

"Everyone kind of knows what was going on leading up to all of this," Gilchrist said. "We were going along day-to-day. He had gotten one chemotherapy treatment two weeks ago and it was a week until the next one. Obviously, by the way it all turned out, that wasn't going to help. The cancer was too far advanced, and we couldn't get it turned around.

"(Lost in the Fog) just kind of went downhill real quick. He was fine 30 minutes before we had to put him down."

Veterinarians at the UC Davis Veterinarian Medical Teaching Hospital found a cancerous tumor on Lost in the Fog's spleen on Aug. 13. Five days later, tests revealed two more tumors, one the size of a football along the horse's spine.

Gilchrist decided to bring Lost in the Fog, who was owned by San Francisco's Harry Aleo, back to his home at Golden Gate Fields to live out his remaining days.

Lost in the Fog won 11 of 14 lifetime races and earned $978,099. He became only the second horse stabled in Northern California to win an Eclipse Award when he was named the nation's top sprinter of 2005.

"He took us so many places and I met so many good people," Gilchrist said.

"It was like living a dream. It is not going to be something easily forgotten. I don't ever want to forget it. I will remember the good times, and the bad times will go away."

Gilchrist said he is glad he decided to bring Lost in the Fog back to Golden Gate Fields instead of having him euthanized at UC Davis when the cancer was discovered.

"I did feel good that he was back in his own stall," Gilchrist said. "He felt safe there and he was around people he knew. He was alert and happy most of the time.

"I've had happier days, but like I've said before, I wasn't surprised by this. It was all happening right there in front of you. I always said, when it got too bad, Lost in the Fog would let me know. If he was a person, I think he would have said 'It's time.'

"I won't be over it for a long time. I probably won't ever get over it. I will see him on the other side."

Roundup

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Holy Names d. St. Mary's: The host Panthers took a 2-1 game lead before the Monarchs flew back into the match on Sept. 14. Genny Pezzola had 19 kills and 14 digs for St. Mary's (0-1 BSAL at press time), and teammate Laura Challis had 16 kills and 10 assists.

Berkeley d. Piedmont: Charlotte Carver had 13 digs and four blocks, and sister Emily Carver had nine kills in the host Yellow Jackets' 25-21, 22-25, 25-22, 25-17 victory over Piedmont on Sept. 12.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

De La Salle/Carondelet Nike Invitational: St. Mary's Matt Duffy finished fourth on Saturday with an impressive time of 15 minutes, 30 seconds for the 3-mile course at Newhall Park, just seven seconds behind winner Evan Watchempino of Jesuit-Carmichael. The Panthers finished 12th as a team with 322 points. Albany was 21st with 623 points. The Cougars' top runner was Kevin Shea (17th, 16:02).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

De La Salle/Carondelet Nike Invitational: Albany Mary's both competed large invitational on the Newhall Park course Cougars finished 20th points. Their top runner Jackie Quinn (50th, 20 Panthers were 26th points. Their top runner lary Sanders (130th, 2

GIRLS GOLF

St. Mary's 222, Pinole 273: Alexandra Kil shot a 7-over 43 to lead competitors by at least at Tilden Park Golf Sept. 14. St. Mary's is 3-1 in BSAL action.

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...LACK DAHLIA": Between di- ...an De Palma's sense of ...hnson and crime writer ...ley's rat-a-tat words, this ...ardier mystery should be a ...ourgeoisy film noir. But it's far ...rwind, a harkening back to ...that feels stagey and con- ...Josh Hartnett is the good but ...kid, Aaron Eckhart is his ...old partner, who storms ...in an angry teen. Scarlett Jo- ...and Hilary Swank are the ...ses. Only Mia Kirshner, ...e dead title character in ...seems to have the mood ...Pols. (R: strong violence, ...ll images, sexual content ...age.) 2 hours, 1 minute.

...ON BEACH CLUB": Frisky ...ening residents of a Florida ...ult community are deter- ...find love. Sally Kellerman, ...ot, flashing her crocodile ...Ryan Cannon, maniacally ...giggling her curves, are ...of the Golden Girls. "Boyn- ...is a rose-colored fantasy ...you can relax and enjoy the ...d comic performances by ...Michael Nouri and Renee ...Holden. (Not Rated: sex- ...ors, language.) 1 hour, 44 ...**B+**

...T": Anyone who has ...ime watching the home ...eaywheds bumbling ...their own corny, personalized ...can appreciate the comic po- ...the British mock documen- ...title is the name of the ...national bridal magazine, ...brides dream up a contest in ...the exhibitionist couples ...to win an award for most ...ing concept. "Confetti" ...ly inspired by Christopher ...Guest in "Waiting for Guffman" ...Best in Show," but this a ...ason. — S. Holden. (R: nu- ...son, 34 minutes. **C**

...ANT": The film follows the ...descendants of four fami- ...ilies had extraordinary pow- ...when they arrived in Massachu- ...setts in the late 1600s, but it turns out ...that a fifth family cut from the ...cloth, not being too power hungry. ...It feels more like the pilot for a ...mildly prime-time drama on ...CW, but it's not nearly as cool ...as "The Vampire Slayer." — C. ...(PG-13: sexual content.) 1 ...minutes. **D**

...There's no heart and no ...soul in this nervous wreck of a ...film about a man who's given a ...brief kill him if he stops mov- ...ing. Jason Statham, Amy ...Dwight Yoakam. — R. ...Strong violence, pervasive ...sexuality, nudity and drug ...use, 27 minutes. **C**

...VER": Despite a brilliant ...turn — Wayne Brady as vil- ...lainy about the world of ...high-school basketball competition ...for ghetto-riches and light ...years — Basketball, women in ...skirts, some trash talk, some ...bad women, you get the idea. — ...(PG-13: sexual content ...and language.) 1 hour, 33 min- ...utes. **C**

...IL WEARS PRADA": A ...new assistant (Anne Hath- ...away) with unfortunate fashion sense ...is talked down royally by her ...boss (Meryl Streep). This ...fish-out-of-froth works primarily ...as a star turn for Streep. There's not a ...single scene in her flawless perfor- ...mance. Myers (PG: some sen- ...suality) 49 minutes. **B**

...D": This movie is taken from ...Internet play from the early ...days of features William H. Macy, as ...the increasingly appalled title charac- ...ter, some unprintable things ...are said and blacks, to bemoan ...the state of the world and to commit ...murder or two. "Edmond" is a work of outrage that's not outrageous. Its racism and misogyny seem square and almost quaint. — W. Morris. (R: violence, strong language, and sexual content including nudity and dialogue.) 1 hour, 15 minutes. **B-**

"EVERYONE'S HERO": A scrawny, insecure boy, growing up in the shadow of Yankee Stadium during the Depression worshipping Babe Ruth, learns self-esteem when he goes on an adventure with a talking baseball and the Bambino's beloved bat. The film is exceedingly earnest with a simple, feel-good message of perseverance, but it's probably suited for the littlest kids only. — C. Lemire. (G) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **C**

"FACTOTUM": Matt Dillon plays Charles Bukowski alter-ego Hank Chinaski, an unpublished writer who spends his days drifting from one blue-collar job to another, and most of his nights in a drunken, smoky haze. His female companions include Marisa Tomei as a complete lush and Lili Taylor as Jan, who truly cares about Hank, almost as much as she does about her next bottle of whiskey. If the plot is slight, Dillon's marvelous, subtle performance is anything but, and reason enough to see director Bent Hamer's film. — M. Pols. (R: language, nudity and sexual content.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B+**

"FLYBOYS" (PG-13): A World War I aviation film, inspired by the Lafayette Escadrille, a team of 38 young Americans who learned how to fly so that they could take aircraft into combat for the first time. With James Franco and Jean Reno.

■ **"HAVEN"** (R): A drama set in the Cayman Islands, focusing on the intertwined lives of a corrupt businessman (Bill Paxton), his daughter (Agnes Bruckner), a poor fisherman (Orlando Bloom) and the local bad boy (Victor Rasuk, who was the title character in "Raising Victor Vargas").

■ **"JACKASS: NUMBER TWO"** (R): Johnny Knoxville and the gang from the MTV series and the original "Jackass" movie are back for another round of rude and crude shenanigans.

■ **"JET LI'S FEARLESS"** (PG-13): Allegedly Jet Li's last martial arts film, an action adventure based on the real life of one of his heroes, Huo Yuanjia, the most famous fighter in China at the turn of the 20th century.

■ **"LA MOUSTACHE"** (NR): In this French psychological thriller, a man shaves the mustache he's worn his entire adult life, hoping for a reaction from his wife and friends. But they insist he never had a mustache.

■ **"THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP"** (R): Michel Gondry ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind") directs Gael Garcia Bernal in a fantastical tale about a young man in Paris whose dreams often overtake his real life. With Charlotte Gainsbourg.

■ **"VAJRA SKY OVER TIBET"** (NR): A cinematic pilgrimage to the most revered sites and festivals in Tibet, exploring the endangered nature of the Buddhist community there.

OPENING TODAY

The following are movies opening this week in the Bay Area.

■ **"ALL THE KING'S MEN"** (PG-13): Sean Penn plays Willie Stark in this new film adaptation of Robert Penn Warren's great American novel about a Louisiana idealist whose rise to power ultimately leads to corruption. The all-star cast includes Kate Winslet and Jude Law.

Coming soon

"THE GUARDIAN": A Coast Guard rescue swimmer (Kevin Costner), with unorthodox teaching methods, instructs a cocky young recruit (Ashton Kutcher). Sept. 29.

"THE U.S. VS. JOHN LENNON": This documentary recounts the famed musician's protests against the Vietnam War. Sept. 29

and Terrence Howard. — M. Pols. (R: violence, sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B-**

"AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH": Al Gore's PowerPoint presentation on global warming sounds like it might be a snoozer, but it's actually a frightening wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on Gore, rarely opening the issue up for others to voice their support. — R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B**

"INVINCIBLE": This feel-good film recounts the saga of Vince Papale (Mark Wahlberg), a laid-off teacher who tries out for the Philadelphia Eagles and ends up making the team. Football junkies looking for a lot of game action won't find it here. The film is more interested in exploring the emotional issues of the players. The movie ultimately fulfills its mission: to fire up viewers with its can-do attitude. — J. Strickler. (PG: football-related action and a sprinkling of profanity.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

"THE ILLUSIONIST": Edward Norton plays a master magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and he's so good you almost believe he can make an orange tree grow from a seed in less than a minute. Jessica Biel is the noblewoman he loves, Rufus Sewell his arch nemesis, and Paul Giamatti is a detective but, more important, the only other actor on screen who can hold his own against Norton the Magnificent. Together, they elevate the material, which is good but not great. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

"THE LAST KISS": Zach Braff is Michael, almost 30 and torn between a comely college student (Rachel Bilson), his drippy longtime girlfriend Jacinda Barrett — who is carrying his child — and his most cherished love of all, himself. We're encouraged to root just as hard for infidelity as for forgiveness, and the rapid switching of gears doesn't feel genuine or earned but rather motivated by who looks cutest at that moment. A remake of the Italian hit "L'Ultimo Bacio," a meaner and far more honest film. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **C+**

"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE": An alienated family — deluded and egotistical father, frustrated mother, suicidal uncle, anarchist son and drug abusing grandfather — come together during a two-day road trip to a beauty pageant for little girls. A top-notch ensemble cast is led by Greg Kinnear and Steve Carell. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sex and drug content.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **A-**

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Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave, Albany 510-464-5980
•**Hollywoodland** (R) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:25.
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:35

AMC Bay Street 16
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
•**Accepted** (PG-13) 2:50, 7:50
•**Beerfest** (R) 12, 4:50, 9:50
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 11:30, 12:20, 2:10, 3:15, 5, 6:20, 7:55, 9:10, 10:40
•**Crossover** (PG-13) 2:30, 7:30
•**Everyone's Hero** (G) 11:20, 1:25, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:35
•**Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) 11:40, 12:30, 2:20, 3:40, 5:15, 8:50, 8:15, 9:55, 11:05
•**Haven** (R) 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20
•**Hollywoodland** (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
•**Invincible** (PG) 1:20, 4:20, 7, 9:30
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 11:35, 12:10, 2, 3, 4:30, 5:40, 7:10, 8:25, 9:45, 10:50
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 11:25, 1:45, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15
•**Snakes on a Plane** (R) 12:05, 2:25, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
•**Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:05, 4:35, 8:05, 10:30
•**The Wicker Man** (PG-13) 12:35, 5:20, 10:10.
•**World Trade Center** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:30, 6:30, 10:05

California Theatre
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•**Confetti** (R) 3, 7:15
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 1, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:30, 10:10
•**This Film Is Not Yet Rated** (Not Rated) 12:45, 5, 9:15

Chabot Cinema
2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555
•**Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland 510-336-7300
•**Forces of Nature** (Not Rated) 8:15
•**The Living Sea** (Not Rated) 7

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
•**Beerfest** (R) 6:50.
•**Factotum** (R) 4:45, 8:55.
•**Haven** (R) 4:55, 7, 9:10
•**Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man** (PG-13) 6:45
•**Snakes on a Plane** (R) 4:40, 9

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:35
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 1, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:25, 9:40

Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue Berkeley 510-526-1836
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 4, 6:45, 9:30.
•**Invincible** (PG) 5, 7:45.

Parkway Speakeasy Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
•**An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) 6:30
•**Half Nelson** (R) 7, 9:45.
•**Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) 9:15.

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave, Oakland 510-464-5980
•**Hollywoodland** (R) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:20
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 12, 12:30, 2:15, 3, 4:30, 5:15, 7, 8, 9:10

Regal Jack London
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
•**Everyone's Hero** (G) 1:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9
•**Flyboys** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10.
•**Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) 1, 1:45, 4, 4:45, 7, 7:40, 10, 10:30
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
•**Jackass: Number Two** (R) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15.
•**Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 8, 10:30.
•**The Protector** (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45.

Shattuck Cinemas
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:55, 8
•**An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) 4:25.
•**Feast** (R) 12.
•**Flyboys** (PG-13) 2, 5, 8:10.
•**Half Nelson** (R) 1:55, 6:55, 9:35
•**La Moustache** (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 2:10, 4:35, 3:10, 5:35, 7, 9:30, 8:05, 10:20.
•**Matador (1986)** (Not Rated) 1:50, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45
•**Quinceanera** (R) 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:05.
•**Sherrybaby** (Not Rated) 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:40.
•**Vajra Sky Over Tibet** (Not Rated) 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-486-1852
•**The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:30.
•**Everyone's Hero** (G) 12:45, 3, 5:10, 7:20.
•**Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:15, 6:15, 9, 10.
•**Jackass: Number Two** (R) 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7, 8, 9:15, 10:15, 11:30.
•**Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 10
•**The Protector** (R) 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:45, 9:45.

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10
6330 Christie Ave, Emeryville 510-420-0107
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 12, 4, 7:15, 10:15.
•**The Covenant** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:40
•**Crank** (R) 12:20, 4:50, 9:50.
•**Flyboys** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10.
•**Idlewild** (R) 12:50, 3:45, 7:20, 10:05.
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10
•**Jackass: Number Two** (R) 12, 1, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8, 9:45, 10:30.
•**Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) 12:10, 1:15, 2:40, 4:15, 5:10, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20.
•**The Protector** (R) 2:30, 7:40.

Central Contra Costa

CineArts at Pleasant Hill
2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 925-687-1100
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:15, 6:45, 9:35.
•**Confetti** (R) 12:15, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:40.
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55.
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50.

Contra Costa Stadium Cinemas
555 Center Avenue Martinez 925-228-9980
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40.
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35.
•**Everyone's Hero** (G) 12:40, 2:45, 5, 7:05, 9.
•**Flyboys** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:50, 7, 9:40
•**Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:30.
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35.
•**Jackass: Number Two** (R) 12:45, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 12:35, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15.

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Onnda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:45
•**Hollywoodland** (R) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

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West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05.
•**Barnyard The Original Party Animals** (PG) 11:35, 1:55, 4:05
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:40, 10:25
•**The Covenant** (PG-13) 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.
•**Crank** (R) 1, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:30.
•**Everyone's Hero** (G) 11:20, 1:25, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55.
•**Flyboys** (PG-13) 12:55, 4, 7:05, 10:10.
•**Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) 11:25, 1:20, 2:20, 4:15, 5:15, 6:20, 7:15, 8:15, 9:20, 10:20.
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
•**Jackass: Number Two** (R) 12:10, 1:15, 2:25, 3:30, 4:40, 5:45, 6:55, 8, 9:10, 10:15
•**Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) 11:20, 12:25, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 6:50, 7:50, 9:15, 10:20
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10
•**The Protector** (R) 11:40, 1:45, 3:50, 5:55, 7:55, 10.

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 11:30, 12:55, 12:55, 2:30, 4, 4, 5:25, 7, 7, 8:30, 10, 10.
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 11:40, 2:25, 5:15, 8, 10:45
•**Crank** (R) 12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45
•**Everyone's Hero** (G) 11:55, 2:35, 5, 7:35, 9:50
•**Flyboys** (PG-13) 1, 4:10, 7:25, 10:30
•**Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) 11:15, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
•**Hollywoodland** (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10
•**Jackass: Number Two** (R) 11:35, 12:35, 2, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40
•**Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 11:25, 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:15.
•**The Protector** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30.

Kabuki Cinema
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10.
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 11, 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05
•**The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7, 9:35
•**Flyboys** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40
•**Haven** (R) 12:05, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:45.
•**Hollywoodland** (R) 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10.
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd. San Francisco 415-267-4893
•**Queens** (R) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
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Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•**Feast** (R) 12.
•**Red Doors** (R) 12:25, 2:30, 4:35, 7, 9:10

Embarcadero Center Cinemas
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•**Half Nelson** (R) 1:15, 4, 7, 9:40.
•**Quinceanera** (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50.
•**The Science of Sleep** (R) 12, 1, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 6, 7:30, 8:30, 10.
•**Sherrybaby** (Not Rated) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30.

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
•**La Moustache** (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
•**This Film Is Not Yet Rated** (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.
•**Zen Noir** (Not Rated) 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8, 9:45.

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
•**An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:20.
•**Confetti** (R) 4:15, 9:10.
•**Factotum** (R) 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.
•**Heading South** (Not Rated) 1:30, 6:45.
•**Vajra Sky Over Tibet** (Not Rated) 2:15, 5, 7:30, 9:40

Red Vic Movie House
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
•**Wassup Rockers** (R) 7:15, 9:30.

Roxie Film Center
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
•**Fratricide** (Not Rated) 7, 9.

AMC Loews Metreon 15
101 Fourth St, San Francisco 415-369-6201
•**All the King's Men** (PG-13) 10:30, 11:40, 1:45, 5, 7, 8:15, 10:15, 11:30.
•**The Black Dahlia** (R) 11:25, 2:25, 3, 4:05, 5:15, 8:20, 11:05.
•**The Covenant** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:40
•**Crank** (R) 4:30, 9:30.
•**Everyone's Hero** (G) 11:40, 2:05, 4:35, 7.
•**Flyboys** (PG-13) 11:55, 3:15, 7:05, 10:30.
•**Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 10:25
•**Hollywoodland** (R) 10:35, 1:25, 7:05, 10:05.
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 10:55, 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 11:10.
•**Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:35.
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 11:50, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:45.
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 10:30, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10.
•**The Protector** (R) 11:10, 1:25, 7:10, 9:20, 11:30.
•**Superman Returns: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) 11:45, 3:20, 6:45, 10:10.

Movies

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"MATERIAL GIRLS": Martha Coolidge's film is a superficial 'tween comedy that mocks celebutantes such as the Olsen twins while simultaneously pushing stars Hilary and Haylie Duff as their replacements. The Duff sisters play wealthy, spoiled siblings who have to clear the family name when their father's cosmetics company fails under a cloud of suspicion. Coolidge made a better movie on similar subject matter with her 1983 film "Valley Girl." — E. Weitzman. (PG: language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **D**

"MONSTER HOUSE": This animated feature — about a dilapidated neighborhood house that supposedly eats people — manages the right balance of kiddie, sophomoric and grown-up humor. Voiced by Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jason Lee. — P. Wuntch. (PG: intense moments, mild sexual references.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B**

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST": Dazzling digital effects upstage nearly everyone except the wonderful Johnny Depp in this too-long yet irresistible sequel. The tangled plot cranks out a few clever surprises and leaves us with an "Empire Strikes Back" cliffhanger of an ending. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. **B**

"THE PROTECTOR": Tony Jaa plays a Thai martial arts fighter who trains elephants for the king, in keeping with an ancient tradition. When they are inexplicably stolen (for some perversion of power or, perhaps, cuisine) he must travel to Australia and fight many, many foes to find them. To ask for a plot in a martial arts movie is like suggesting porn might benefit from a little more pillow talk; by doing so, you unveil yourself as someone who just doesn't get it. Nonetheless, how about a little plot, along with less frantic editing and a decent cinematographer? Then the movie might have some hope of matching Jaa's grace. — M. Pols. (R: pervasive strong violence throughout and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

"QUINCEANERA": This portrait of a Mexican-American family in Los Angeles is as smart and warm-hearted an exploration of upwardly mobile immigrant culture as American independent cinema has produced. A family is rocked when 14-year-old Magdalena (Emily Rios), who dreams of an extravagant quinceanera, gets pregnant and her father throws her out of the house. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations, some strong language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B+**

"RIDING ALONE FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES": In Zhang Yimou's moving new film, the director gives us a modern day Don Quixote, a Japanese man (Ken Takakura) who sets out on a long and seemingly ill-conceived journey through China hoping to right whatever wrong has caused a decade-long rift with his son. As a study of culture clashes, perhaps this unfolds too easily, but as a story of the complications of father-son love, it touches us. — M. Pols. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 48 minutes.

"A SCANNER DARKLY": Director Richard Linklater transforms Philip K. Dick's 1955 novel into a sad and darkly humorous film that marries live photography with animation, much like the filmmaker's "Waking Life." Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey Jr., Winona Ryder and Rory Cochrane (who is exceptional) star. — R. Myers. (R: drug and sexual content, language and a brief violent image.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B-**

"SCOOP": Woody Allen enjoyed working with Scarlett Johansson ("Match Point") so much, he wrote a new movie for her. Like "Match Point," this film is set in London and revolves around murder, but that's where the similarities end. "Scoop" is as light as a feather and playful in that classic early Allen style. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **A-**

"SHERRYBABY": In Laurie Collyer's film, a heroin addict named Sherry (Maggie Gyllenhaal), fresh out of jail, tries to stay clean and begin a real relationship with her child. The story itself doesn't take us anyplace particularly new — will she or won't she fall again? — but the infinitely watchable Gyllenhaal gives such a nuanced, vulnerable performance that she seduces us right onto the roller coaster of caring about Sherry, even though we know it could be a losing proposition. Surely this is the mark of an actress with limitless possibilities. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **B+**

"SNAKES ON A PLANE": You expect sensation and nothing but. And the cheesier the story the better. That's what bloggers who turned the movie's title into a cult phenomenon demanded; that and more viciousness, sex and 12-letter epithetic expressions of dismay. What they get is "The Jerry Springer Show" in the sky with snakes. Within the confines of its tiny metal universe, the story (snakes are released on plane that is carrying a surfer who witnessed a mob murder) makes just enough sense to satisfy anyone for whom that sort of thing matters. Most "Snakes" aficionados will only care about the adrenaline rush and, that, the film delivers. — B. Caine. (R: language, a scene of sexuality and drug use, and intense sequences of terror and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **C**

"SUPERMAN RETURNS": It's big, brawny and, best of all, introspective. Welcome to the new "Superman," directed with reverence and refreshing insight by Bryan Singer (the first two "X-Men" movies). Newcomer Brandon Routh wears the cape well, but everyone in the cast is dynamite. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some intense action violence.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. **A-**

"TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY": Like NASCAR racing, "Ricky Bobby" has its thrilling moments. But mostly it feels repetitive — the film never really goes anywhere. Will Ferrell re-teams with his "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" director for this take on a race car driver whose success is threatened by a rival driver who bursts onto the scene. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: crude and sexual humor, language, drug references and brief comic violence.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **C+**

"THIS FILM IS NOT YET RATED": Kirby Dick embarked on a righteous quest: to identify and expose the eight or nine anonymous panelists who decide whether movies get a G, PG, PG-13, R or the dreaded NC-17 rating. Dick's film is a sometimes revealing, sometimes tedious guerrilla assault on the Motion Picture Association of America's secretive ratings policies, but the film is simply not as provocative, infuriating or incisive as he had hoped. — C. Outhier. (NR: Rating surrendered: previously rated NC-17 for some graphic sexual content.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **C+**

"THREE DOLLARS": In this Australian film, 38-year-old Eddie Harnovey (David Wenham) has reached a turning point in his job: His ideals and a steady paycheck are in direct opposition. Eddie works as a chemical engineer who's pressured to sign off on his latest job even though he has found traces of deadly toxins. In the middle of everything, Eddie also has a supernatural connection with Amanda, the developer's daughter. This complex web of events, ideas and emotions play out quite nicely for a while. — J. Anderson. (R) 1 hour, 59 minutes. **B**

"TRUST THE MAN": Writer/director Bart Freundlich takes us on a tour of attractive Manhattan locations with two equally appealing couples, both facing trouble in their relationships. Julianne Moore is an actress, David Duchovny is her bored stay-at-home husband. Billy Crudup is a sports-writer suffering from a serious case of Peter Pan-itis, Maggie Gyllenhaal is the nice girlfriend desperate to have a baby. Smart and touching, but too ambitious for the time frame. Would have made a good must-see HBO series. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B-**

"WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?": Chris Paine's trenchant documentary focuses on General Motors' EV1. Launched in 1996, the electric car was so efficient, dealers kept a waiting list with tens of thousands of names. But then GM recalled all the EV1s. Paine's movie manages to entertain and infuriate as he investigates the reasons why a U.S. automaker would invest in a product only to sabotage it at every turn. — G. Whipp. (PG: brief mild language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **B+**

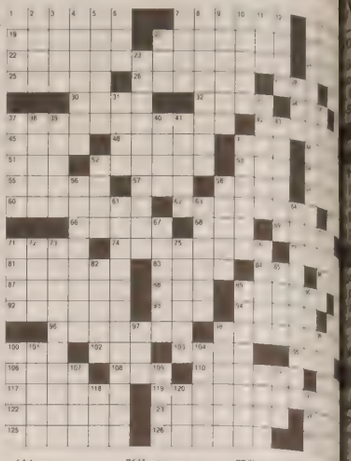
"THE WICKER MAN": Neil LaBute directs the remake of the 1973 British classic thriller set this time on an island in the Puget Sound. It's got a strong cast of actors (Nicolas Cage, Frances Conroy, Ellen Burstyn), but the writing makes it a rather confusing mess. Still, it may well be the greatest bad film of the year. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: disturbing images and violence, language and thematic issues.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **C+**

"WORDPLAY": The crossword geniuses in this well-crafted documentary include such celebrity solvers as Jon Stewart and Bill Clinton, as well as the less-famous participants in the annual crossword championship. Watching people work puzzles doesn't sound like fun, but it is, particularly in the beat-the-clock solve-off that whittles three finalists down to a champ. — C. Hewitt. (PG: profanity, mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B+**

"WORLD TRADE CENTER": Despite the epic-sounding title, the focus of Oliver Stone's film is small, centering on the stories of two Port Authority cops (Nicolas Cage and Michael Pena) who were trapped under the collapsed towers and their spouses (Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal, respectively). If you want to know what it was like inside those buildings, this is for you. The film is emotional, but that comes with the territory, and the story suffers from a lack of dramatic tension — we know these guys will get out — as well as some cheeseball touches from Stone. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense and emotional content, some disturbing images and language.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. **B-**

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Events

CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ **Cal Performances** — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. Rolando Villazon, tenor, Sept. 24, 3 p.m. The program will include works of Schumann, Bononcini, Handel, Massenet, Faure, Tosti and Obradors. Villazon will be accompanied by pianist Bryndon Hassman. $68. "King Arthur," by Henry Purcell, Sept. 30 through Oct. 7, 8 p.m. An American premiere. Jane Glover conducting. Featuring Mark Morris Dance Group, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra and UC Chamber Chorus as well as the original English cast: Gillian Keith, soprano; Mhairi Lawson, soprano; Elizabeth Watts, soprano; Iestyn Davies, counter-tenor; James Gilchrist, tenor; William Berger, baritone; Andrew Foster-Williams, baritone. The story focuses on a monarch's efforts to recover his blind fiancee from the Saxon King who has kidnapped her. Sept. 30, Oct. 3, Oct. 5-7. $42-$110. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988, www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Chapel Of The Chimes** — Oakland Lyric Opera, Sept. 24, 2 p.m. Featured artists: Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghmai, mezzo-soprano; Jorge Orlando Gomez, tenor; Alexander Katsman, piano. The program will include dramatic duets and arias from Bizet's "Carmen." $18-$20. 510-836-6772, www.oaklandlyricopera.org. 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-654-0123, www.chapelofthechimes.com.

■ **Hertz Hall At The University Of California, Berkeley** — "The 54th Annual Noon Concert Series," through Oct. 29, 12:15-1 p.m. September 27: David Milnes conducting. The University Symphony Orchestra performs music of Edward Elgar. Free. UC Berke... Way and College Avenue.

■ **Mills College** ... **And The Center For ... Music** — Concerts ... Concert Hall unless ... Alessandro Boseti, Sep... p.m. An evening of ... voice and electronics ... versations, sound-and-... understandings, ... and feedback. Free. ... 5000 MacArthur Blvd., ... 430-2296, www.mills.edu.

■ **St. Mark S Episcopal ... Berkeley** — Magnificat ... semble, Sept. 30. Artistic ... Warren Stewart conducting ... gram will feature Marc-... entner's "Judgment of ... $25. www.magnificatsf.... 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

■ **Unitarian Universalist ... Berkeley** — Bryan-Baker ... Friends, Sept. 23, 8 p.m. ... gram will feature works of ... Kuhnau, Chopin, Haydn, ... Mozart, Martinu and Mahler. ... tured artists: Rod Lowe, ...

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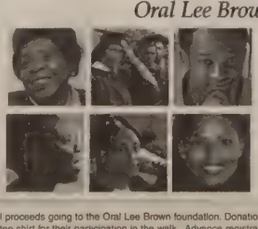
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...Performances — All perfor- ...ces in Zellerbach Hall unless ...wise noted. "Classical Savion," ...30, 8 p.m. Tony Award-winning ...ancer Savion Glover performs ...ance a string quartet and jazz ...mble. Glover will tap to classic ...s by Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart, ...schohn, Dvorak and Bartok. ...30, Bayanihan Philippine Na- ...Dance Company, Sept. 23, 2 ...p.m. The performance will fea- ...ture by 45 members of the ...han Philippine National Dance ...pany along with live music pro- ...ed by instruments. The program will ...de "Earth Rhythms," "Hispanic ...Remembered," the Gold Temple ...winning "Mindinao Splendor," ...orm. $22-$42. "King Arthur," by ...Purcell, Sept. 30 through Oct. ...m. An American premiere. ...Glover conducting. Featuring ...Harris Dance Group, Philhar- ...Baroque Orchestra and UC ...Chorus as well as the origi- ...glish cast: Gillian Keith, so- ...prano; Mhairi Lawson, soprano; Eliz- ...abeth Watts, soprano; Iestyn Davies, ...counter-tenor; James Gilchrist, tenor; ...William Berger, baritone; Andrew ...Foster-Williams, baritone. The story ...focuses on a monarch's efforts to re- ...cover his blind fiancee from the ...Saxon King who has kidnapped her. ...Sept. 30, Oct. 3, Oct. 5-7. $42-$110. ...Zellerbach Hall, University of Califor- ...nia, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Tele- ...graph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642- ...9988, www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

...Contra Costa College, Knox Center For Performing Arts — "Manta Gowani (From Time Immemorial)," Sept. 29, 8 p.m. An evening of music, dance, poetry and chant from southern Philippines. Presented by Knox Theater Repertory Company. $10-$15. 510-235-7800 X4274. Knox Center for Performing Arts, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo.

...East Bay Improv — "Tired of the Same Old Song and Dance?" Ongoing. 8 p.m. East Bay Improv actors perform spontaneous, impulsive and hilarious comedy on the first Saturday of every month. $8. Pinole Community Playhouse, 601 Tennent Ave., Pinole. 510- 964-0571, www.eastbayimprov.com.

...Impact Theatre — "Colorado," by Peter Sinn Nachtrieb, through Oct. 28. A world premiere. When Tracy Ackhart, Miss Late Teen Colorado, mysteriously vanishes the day before the national pageant, her entire family enters a state of distress and turmoil. It would be easy to hold anyone of the family members responsible for the disappearance if they weren't so dependent on Tracy's success for their own happiness. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. $10-$15. La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510- 464-4468, www.impacttheatre.com.

...Julia Morgan Center For The Arts — "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," by Judith Viorst, Shelly Markham, Sept. 30 through Oct. 15. The play follows the adventures of Alexander as he navigates his way through the worst day in his six-year-old life. Presented by Active Arts Theatre for Young Audiences. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. $14-$18. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542, www.juliamorgan.org.

...Kofman Auditorium — "Aida," by Elton John and Tim Rice, through Sept. 24. The Disney musical tells the love story of two African princesses who have fallen for the same soldier. Presented by Alameda Civic Light Opera. Friday-Saturday, 8.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. $27-$31. 510-864-2256, www.aclo.com. 2200 Central Ave., Alameda.

...La Pena Cultural Center — "Pagbabalik," by Aimee Suzara, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. The performance uses spoken word, dance and live indigenous Filipino and jazz music to take viewers on a journey into history, language and memory. $10-$20. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

...Masquers Playhouse — "Diary of a Scoundrel," by Alexander Ostrovsky, through Sept. 30. The play tells the story of one man who attempts to sneak into upperclass society by lying, flattering and catering to the vanities of the wealthy. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. $15. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031, www.masquers.org.

...Shotgun Players — "Love is a Dream Lorin," by Marcus Gardley, Sept. 28 through Nov. 5. When two young activists move into a fixer upper in a transitional Berkeley neighborhood, they open the portal to an incredible past they never expected and a present they may not be equipped to handle. Thursday-Sunday, 8 p.m. $15-$30. The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-6500, www.shotgunplayers.org.

...Trinity Chamber Concerts — American Conservatory Theatre MFA Program Presents "Company in Concert," Sept. 23, 8 p.m. Songs from Stephen Sondheim and George Furth's Tony Awardwinning musical "Company" will be performed by 15 up and coming actors. $12 general; $8 seniors, disabled persons and students. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 510-549-3864, www.trinitychamberconcerts.com.

...Woodminster Summer Musicals — "Taming of the Shrew," Sept. 24, 4 p.m. William Shakespeare's romantic comedy about a lady of ungovernable spirit and fiery temper and the man who, after a wild courtship, eventually wins her heart. The production will be given a retro hue, including platform shoes, psychedelic-colored suits and music by Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and others Free. Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-531-9597, www.woodminster.com.

POPULAR MUSIC

...924 Gilman St. — All ages welcome. Allegiance, Ceremony, Acts of Sedition, Modern Eyes, Sept. 22. An American Cancer Society benefit concert. Tinkture, Toast Machine, Sept. 23. La Plebe, Inspector Double Negative, Static Thought, Society's Parasites, Ankou, Sept. 29. While it Lasts, See it Through, New Soldiers, By My Will, Sept. 30. $5 unless otherwise noted. Shows start Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510- 525-9926, www.924gilman.org.

...Albatross Pub — Whiskey Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of every month. Free. Dangerous Rhythm, Tim Fox, Sept. 30. $3. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473, www.albatrosspub.com.

...Ashkenaz — Pele JuJu with the Shelley Doty Extet, Sept. 22, 9:30 p.m. $15-$17. Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, Sept. 23, 9:30 p.m. Swing dance lesson with Nick and Shanna at 8 p.m. $11-$13. Tom Rigney and Fiambeau, Sept. 26, 8:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Cajun/Zydeco dance lesson with Diana Castillo. $9. Bernard Anderson and the Old School Band, Sept. 27, 8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.: Swing dance lesson with Nick and Shanna. $9. Grapefruit Ed, Bill Cutler and the Hounds of Time, Sept. 29, 9:30 p.m. $11-$13. West African Highlife Band, Sept. 30, 9:30 p.m. 9 p.m.: African dance lesson with Comfort Mensah. $12-$15. Bongo Love Band, Oct. 1, 3 p.m. $4-$6. Vegitation, Oct. 1, 9:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Mutabaruka performs dub poetry. $10-$20. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054, www.ashkenaz.com.

...Beckett's Irish Pub — Blackberry Soup, Sept. 22. Sweet Crude Bill, Sept. 23. Guster, Nada Surf, Sept. 30, 7 p.m. $27.50. Free. Shows at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790, www.beckettsirishpub.com.

...Downtown Restaurant — Matt Renzi Trio, Sept. 22. Ken Berman Trio, Sept. 23. Zoe Ellis Group, Sept. 24. Marcus Shelby Trio, Sept. 29. Arlington Houston Trio, Sept. 30. Free unless otherwise noted. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810, www.downtownrestaurant.com.

...Freight And Salvage — Storyhill, Sept. 22. $18.50-$19.50. David Jacobs-Strain, Sept. 23. $17.50-$18.50. "Vern Williams Memorial Concert," Sept. 24. $22.50-$23.50. Beth Custer's Clarinet Thing, Sept. 26. $18.50-$19.50. The Maria Kalaneiemi Trio, Sept. 27. $19.50-$20.50. Laurence Juber, Sept. 28. $17.50-$18.50. Bill Kirchen, Sept. 29. $18.50-$19.50. Dougie Maclean, Sept. 30. $27.50-$28.50. Shoofleniffy, Oct. 1. $19.50-$20.50. Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761, www.freightandsalvage.org.

...Greek Theatre — Massive Attack, DJ Shadow, Sept. 22, 8 p.m. $45.50. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Frank Black, Sept. 29 and Sept. 30, 7:15 p.m. $45-$85. Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-548-3010, www.apeconcerts.com.

...La Pena Cultural Center — Toshi Reagon, Sept. 22, 8 p.m. $15. Jon Fromer, Francisco Herrera, Molotow Mouths, Sept. 29, 8 p.m. $10-$25. Domingo de Rumba, Oct. 1, 3:30-6 p.m. Free. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

...Oakland City Center — "Noontime Concert Music Series," through Sept. 27, Noon-1 p.m. Sept. 27: Vince Lateano. Free. City Square Plaza, 500 12th St. at Clay Street, Oakland. www.oaklandcitycenter.com.

...Paramount Theatre — Jeff Beck, Sept. 24, 8 p.m. $39.50-$75.50. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-465-6400, 415-421-8497, www.paramountheatre.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

...Shattuck Down Low — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. $5-$10. Native Elements, Sept. 22, 9 p.m. $7-$9. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510- 548-1159, www.shattuckdownlow.com.

...Sheila Jordan And Mark Murphy — Oct. 1. The concert will take place at private amphitheater in the Berkeley Hills. Direction will be provided upon purchase of tickets. Proceeds benefit JazzCamp West. $125.1 p.m.510-287-8880, www.jazzcamp-west.com.

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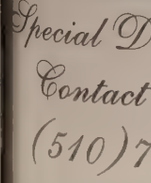
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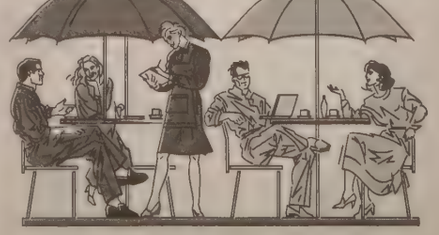
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RP06287939

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: STEPHANIE KENNEDY aka STEPHANIE A. KENNEDY aka STEPHANIE ANNE KENNEDY

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: MARY KATE JOLY in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY KATE JOLY Be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 10/31/06 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept. 23, located at 1221 Oak St., Oakland, CA 94612

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner:
Mary Kate Joly
4516 Pimrock Trail
Austin, TX 78723
/s/ Mary Kate Joly
Signature of Petitioner
Legal BV 2027
Publish September 22, 29, October 6, 2006

Legal Notice

FILED
September 5, 2006
S.L. WEIR
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) HAVE ABANDONED THE USE OF THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME:
GREASY TEES / HELL ON WHEELS
1487 ROSAL LN, UNIT B
CONCORD, CA 94521
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 8/5/05 in Contra Costa County under file number 2005-5752
Full Name of Registrant(s):
JOSH STEAGER
330 ROSE AVE #J
PLEASANTON, CA 94566
DANIEL C. LALAMA
1487 ROSAL LN. UNIT B
CONCORD, CA 94521
This business was conducted by: a general partnership
/s/ Daniel C. Lalama
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on the date indicated by the file stamp above.
Legal ECJ 2506
Publish September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2006

FILED August 29, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By Y. Williams, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7153
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: MOM'S ORGANIC CLEANING SERVICES located at 1317 Liberty St., Apartment #17 is El Cerrito, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
JENNY ELIZABETH NEYRA ROLDAN
1317 LIBERTY ST. APARTMENT #17
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Jenny Neyra
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
Expires August 29, 2011
Legal ECJ 2504
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FILED August 22, 2006
PATRICK O'CONNELL,
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By ---, Deputy
FILE NO. 384273
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: FLAVORS OF INDIA located at 3211 College Ave in Berkeley, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ASHESH PATEL
1060 LEO WAY
OAKLAND, CA 94611
JATINDER SINGH
2968 BRECK WAY
RICHMOND, CA 94806
This business is conducted by: a general partnership
/s/ Ashesh Patel
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
Expires August 22, 2011
Legal ECJ 2501
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FILED August 22, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By ---, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-6976
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: THE MORTGAGE PRACTICE located at 3021 Citrus Circle, #230 in Walnut Creek, CA 94598 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
AMERICAN PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
3000 LAVA RIDGE CT., STE. 100
ROSEVILLE, CA 95661
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Mathew Brinitzer - C.F.O.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/1/06.
Expires August 22, 2011
Legal ECJ 2502
Publish September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2006

FILED September 11, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By H. Franklin, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7477
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: JD'S RESTAURANT located at 2837 Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ODYSSEY SUBS LLC
708 WESTBROOK CT.
DANVILLE, CA 94506
This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Billy R. Yates, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 9/11/06.
Expires September 11, 2011
Legal ECJ 2513
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FILED August 24, 2006
PATRICK O'CONNELL,
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By ---, Deputy
FILE NO. 384404
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: LA BELLE located at 1564 Solano Ave, in Albany, CA 94706 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CAMELIA, LLC
7747 TERRACE DR.
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Batoul Rajabi
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
Expires August 24, 2011
Legal ECJ 2501
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FILED September 1, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. McKillop, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7285
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: EAGLE CITY MOBILE ESTATES located at 2333 Main Street in Oakley, CA 94561 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ELENA CAMEPA LIVING TRUST JULY 1989
320 BLUEBERRY DR.
SCOTTS VALLEY, CA 95066
This business is conducted by: a business trust
/s/ Peter Camepa, Trustee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 9/1/06.
Expires September 1, 2011
Legal ECJ 2509
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FILED September 7, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7376
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: NATURAL PROPERTIES located at 2127 Galindo St. in Concord, CA 94520 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
NATURAL CAPITAL INC.
2127 GALINDO ST.
CONCORD, CA 94520
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Reed Robertson, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on N/A.
Expires September 7, 2011
Legal 7376
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FILED September 11, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. Dugan, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7487
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: LILY'S HEAVENLY DAY CARE located at 5350 Thunderbird Court in Antioch, CA 94531 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
MARY ANN S. DAVID
5350 THUNDERBIRD CT
ANTIOCH, CA 94531
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Mary Ann S. David
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/24/05.
Expires September 11, 2011
Legal ECJ 2511
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FILED August 11, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. Kirby, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-6690
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: TALKIN SPORTS located at 74 Bonaventura Drive in San Jose, CA 95134 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
SAN JOSE SALES AND DISTRIBUTION, INC.
CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Lloyd Kee, President/CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/1/1996
Expires August 11, 2011
Legal ECJ 2505
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FILED August 17, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By ---, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-6866
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: HRP HOME REFUND PROCESSOR located at P.O. Box 3674, Antioch, CA 94531 (3100 Polk Ct. in Antioch, CA 94531) is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
EMERIDA GUERRA
3100 POLK COURT
ANTIOCH, CA 94509
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Emerida Guerra
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/17/06.
Expires August 17, 2011
Legal ECJ 2497
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FILED August 30, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7208
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: BROAD-BASED KNOWLEDGE located at 5935 Orchard Ave. in Richmond, CA 94804 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
FLORA MC MARTIN
5935 ORCHARD AVE.
RICHMOND, CA 94804
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Flora McMartin
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 6/1/06
Expires August 30, 2011
Legal ECJ 2493
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FILED September 6, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7432
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SHELL SERVICE CENTER located at 3356 Mount Diablo Blvd in Lafayette, CA 94549 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
RAMAN DAING
336 SQUIRREL RIDGE WAY
DANVILLE, CA 94506
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Raman Daing
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 9/6/06
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FILED September 6, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-7320
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: HELL ON WHEELS located at 1487 Rosal Ln., Unit B in Concord, CA 94521 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
DANIEL C. LALAMA
1487 ROSAL LN., UNIT B
CONCORD, CA 94521
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Daniel C. Lamama
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 9/6/06.
Expires September 6, 2011
Legal ECJ 2507
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FILED August 16, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By G. Planks, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-6824
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: TARA HILLS VALERO located at 16400 San Pablo in San Pablo, CA 94806 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
EQ ENTERPRISES, INC.
CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Christine Quilambao, Treasurer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 7/06
Expires August 16, 2011
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FILED August 14, 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By G. Planks, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-6718
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: JRA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT located at 1 Camino Sobrante, Suite 217 in Orinda, CA 94563 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
VIRGINIA FONG
210 DIAPIAN BAY

Legal Notice

ALAMEDA, CA 94502
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Virginia Fong
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/14/06
Expires August 14, 2011
Legal ECJ 2496
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Legal Notice

Tanya Anne Koszkty Ratliff
1217 Canyon Village Cir
San Ramon, CA 9458
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
725 Court Street
Martinez, CA 94553
PETITION OF: Tanya Anne Koszty Ratliff
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. C06-1417
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner Tanya Anne Koszty Ratliff has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
(Present Name) TANYA ANNE KOSZTY RATLIFF to (Proposed Name) ALEXANDER D.J. KOSZTY RATLIFF
2. THE COURT ORDERS:
All people interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a.Date: 10/26/06, Time: 9:00 a.m., Dept.: 60, Room 102
b. The address of the court is: 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: El Cerrito Journal
Date: 8/24/06
/s/ Judith A. Sanders, Protem
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Legal ECJ 2503
Publish September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2006

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 20066904480043
FHA/VA/PMI No.: - You Are In Default under a Deed of Trust, Dated 01/26/06. Unless You Take Action to Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold at a Public Sale. If You Need an Explanation of the Nature of the Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact a Lawyer. On October 5, 2006, at 01:30 PM, **Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C.**, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/14/06, as Instrument No. 2006-0046867-00, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, State of California, Executed by: ANDRE VILLEROY, A SINGLE MAN, Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's Check/Cash Equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE AT 725 COURT STREET, (CORNER OF MAIN & COURT STREETS), MARTINEZ, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 534-081-004-2. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 792 6TH STREET, RICHMOND, CA 94801. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $363,679.10. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 09/15/06. First American Title Insurance Company, LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707, Ric Juarez -- For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 Sale Line: 949/252-8300 or Login to: http://www.firstamcorp.com/tsg Reinstatement or Payoff Quotes: 800/280-2832 For NON-SALE information only Sale Postponement Information: (916) 939-0772 Fax us your Sale Information: 866/960-8299 or email to RPSPostSale@firstam.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 9/22, 9/29, 10/06/2006
Legal BV 2026
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TS No.: 20069190202589
FHA/VA/PMI No.: **NOTICE Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/5/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 10/12/2006 at 12:00PM, Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/19/2004, as Instrument

Legal Notice

No. 2004378091, In Book , Page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California, Executed by: Rishpreet Singh Birdee, An Unmarried Woman WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b) (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Fallon St entrance to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St, Oakland, CA 94612-4293 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 060-1612-012 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1345 Mar-a-Lago Dr, Berkley CA 94707 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $135,604.34 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 9/15/06. First American Title Insurance Company Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 1 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Ric Juarez -- For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 Sale Line: 949/252-8300 or Login to: http://www.firstamcorp.com/tsg 9/22, 9/29, 10/06/2006
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TS No.: 20069134001682
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COLUMBIA PICTURES

…N plays Willie Stark, an upstart Southern politician in this movie adaptation of Robert Penn Warren's novel "All the King's Men."

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… Mary F. Pols
… STAFF WRITER

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…ee-hour movie adapta… …ook like this faces the …being merely a digest …er sequences, which in …g's Men" include sui… …ctions — physical and …— betrayals, shootings …speeches. If you look …illed list, there's a lot …for melodrama.

…ve man who has un… …le challenge of bring… …g's Men" to a mass …n writer/director Steve …Searching for Bobby …and "A Civil Action"). …does he have the ob… …compression to over… …he's following in the …of a successful earlier …s (the 1949 version, …enderick Crawford, won …rs, including best pic…

…has bumped the time …the 1930s to the early …visually, his film has …the Depression (in our …se of Jude Law's Jack …'s even covered by a …-era quilt, all gloomy …grays) so the choice …ecessary.

…played by Sean Penn, …performance is likely …over-the-top by some viewers, but not this one. When his Willie is campaigning, waving his arms, fixing his fierce and intelligent eyes on the crowd, yelling out his declarations that he is a "hick" who wants to help other hicks — while seeming as wise as the oldest owl in the forest — goosebumps raced up my arms, a rare thing in movies these days.

Penn looks both older and more haggard than usual, yet when Willie bends down from a truck, smiling and squinting, to shake hands with farmers, with his forelock falling across his forehead, there is a sudden flash of Robert F. Kennedy to him, a remembrance of history past, no doubt one of the director's intentions (in the film's opening moments, if you listen closely, you'll hear a strange tribute, a chilling audio tape from the RFK assassination).

In Jack, we have a narrative guide who is to the Bayou manor born. Law initially seems like the wrong person to play a sidelines observer like Jack, if only because his glossy beauty cries out for its own observation, perhaps on a pedestal, like a Greek god. You spend the first 10 minutes of the film fighting the casting choice, and the rest of it realizing that, like the young Paul Newman before him, Law is good enough to overcome his own beauty.

But the film is always at crescendo, jammed with stars and burdened by overwrought music and its need to get too much done in two hours. The rate at which big names (Kate Winslet, Anthony Hopkins, Patricia Clarkson, James Gandolfino, Mark Ruffalo) show up and herald the picture's Oscar ambitions is distracting. You long for some unknowns, people who project not Tony Soprano wrestling with a Southern accent, but rather a truly oily manipulator like Warren's Tiny Duffy.

As a director, Zaillian makes two major missteps. He fails to show Willie's evolution from good and honorable to cutthroat megalomaniac. The reason is there, it is illustrated, but it's not illuminated, and the transition is too swift. Then, in the last scenes of the film, Zaillian relies on a series of cue-card-style shots to fill us in on what led to this moment; it's a dramatic synopsis that condescends.

Ultimately, this "All the King's Men" has to settle for being something good that makes you want more (like a six-hour HBO movie). That's not to say it isn't filled with fine performances, clever writing and insights into politics that feel absolutely relevant today.

After an advance screening in San Francisco, politics hung in the hallways, from the murmurings about the latest raw deal Louisiana's poor got to the comparisons people were making between Willie Stark's story and Bill Clinton's.

To spur discussion with a film is an accomplishment, even if it falls short of what Robert Penn Warren did with words on a page.

Reach Mary F. Pols at 925-945-4741 or mpols@cctimes.com.



COLUMBIA PICTURES

JUDE LAW and Kate Winslet are part of an all-star cast that sometimes keeps viewers from focusing on the story line of "All the King's Men."

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…k, published in July, …g an enthusiastic audi…

…y say it's a book you …own. And the e-mails …e are from people who …couldn't put the book …was a BookSense Pick …a prestigious honor …by independent book… …sharing the list with …summaries such as …un and T.C. Boyle.

…is gratifying to the …author. Another book, …ed was too dark, pub… …so she turned to the …d grown up with: hu…

…ut about books I liked, characters I liked, plot points and themes I liked," she says. "This book actually has, for example, a bit of a gothic theme. A girl goes out to the country with strangers who could be dangerous. I like a lot of the gothic novels, the great one being 'Jane Eyre,' which Milagro references in the book."

Acosta also throws in a little P.G. Wodehouse, when Milagro is in the wine country, and there is a lot of fun. Some of Milagro's silliness comes from Bertie Wooster (though Milagro is toned down from Bertie; Acosta credits an astute editor).

"And then, I don't even know why I threw the vampire thing in there. I did it as a bit of silliness. In retrospect, I wouldn't do it again, although I'm very happy I did."

She researched vampirism (not that there is any such thing) with a doctor friend, who gave her certain medical circumstances that could explain the condition.

"I wanted there to be a rational explanation for it, although it is perplexing," Acosta says. "If you don't think too hard about it, it's fine."

At the moment, Acosta is frantically finishing a sequel, called "Midnight Brunch at Casa Dracula." After that ... well, if a third Milagro book is asked for, she'll write it. But she has an idea for a more traditional novel, one that also has a paranormal element. This one will be set in Berkeley.

"You've got to do what you know," she says.

Reach Lynn Carey at 925-943-8112 or lcarey@cctimes.com.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

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Fiction

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5. **"Suite Francaise,"** by Irene Nemirovsky. (Knopf, $25.)
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Obituaries and In Memoriam

Irene Cronin Nicoli

Aug. 8, 1921 - Sept. 16, 2006
Resident of Oakland

Beloved wife of 60 years to Nick Nicoli, loving mother to Kathe (Jerry) Kroll of San Ramon, Carole (Craig) Schmitt of Danville, and Lynne (Evert) Prins of Concord; devoted grandmother to John (Lisa) Kroll, Jennifer (Rick) May, Suzanne and Monica Schmitt, Kimberly and Ian Prins; and great-grandmother to Andrew, James and Jack Kroll, and Harrison and Amelia May. Irene, a native of Chicago, IL, was preceded in death by her siblings, Robert Cronin, Louise Colgan, Charles Cronin, Madeline Gerbing, and Jean Peterson. She is survived by her brother, James Cronin of Hollywood, FL.

Besides being an avid bridge player, Irene loved spending time with her family at her cabin in Westpoint. She will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew and loved her

Recitation of the rosary will be Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Albert Brown Mortuary, 3476 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. Funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Church of St. Theresa, 30 Mandalay Road, Oakland. Entombment at Garden of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette

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J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

'Duck Season' worth renting

"Duck Season"

For the first 40 minutes of this quirky Mexican import, I was confused and disinterested. It was like watching two teenage boys play video games — in fact, that is exactly what it was. But this subtle gem grew on me and by the end I was fully engrossed. Ostensibly a film about two 14-year olds hanging out together on a slow Sunday afternoon, "Duck" is really a poignant drama which touches on divorce, friendship, loneliness, unfulfilled dreams and sexual identity. The depth of the characters and the marvelous ensemble cast in this DVD make it one of the most honest looks inside the teenage soul ever committed to film. It also shows us that teenagers are teenagers, regardless of national origin. Fine for mature teens 15 and up. Spanish with English subtitles. (R: Language and marijuana use). 1 hour and 31 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 3 stars
Kids: N/A stars
Teens: 3 ½ stars
Adults: 3 stars
Seniors: 2 ½ stars
Should you rent it? Yes – A marvelous sleeper you are sure to enjoy.

"Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World"

Albert Brooks — who wrote, directed and stars in this DVD — has been around Hollywood for years making oddball comedies that never generate much of a following. Unfortunately for him, this DVD won't change that. Playing a caricature of himself, Brooks is recruited by the U.S. government to conduct a field study on what makes Muslims laugh, in order to help deflate tensions in the Middle East. Were it not for the exotic location shoots in India, this film feels like it could have been an episode of Larry David's "Curb Your Enthusiasm." If you like that kind of clueless hero comedy, then "Looking" will make for an amusing rental. As for me, I'm still looking for comedy in this DVD. (PG-13: Language and marijuana use). 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 2 stars
Kids: N/A
Teens: 1 ½ stars
Adults: 2 stars
Seniors: 1 ½ stars
Should you rent it? No — A few good laughs, but not enough to make it worthwhile.

"Water"

Directed by famed Indian filmmaker Deepa Mehta, "Water" exposes the cruel tradition of how some widows in that country are forced to live in widow orphanages, isolated from the rest of society. Set in the 1930s, the practice still continues to this day, and Mehta shines a bright light on this senseless discrimination. While it has moments of being moving, it often feels heavy handed, no more so than with the ill-fitting scenes involving Mahatma Gandhi. My father-in-law watched this DVD with me and had a different take — he found it thought provoking. While kids as young as 13 can watch "Water," they are certain to be bored. Hindi with English subtitles. (PG-13: Suicide and other mature themes). 1 hour and 57 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 2 stars
Kids: N/A
Teens: 1 ½ stars
Adults: 2 star
Seniors: 2 ½ stars
Should you rent it? No — Fascinating topic but with formulaic execution.

J.B. Alderman lives in Piedmont and can be reached at jason@alderman.net or via www.PhDVD.com.

Author does some genre-bendi

■ Acosta's novel, 'Happy Hour at Casa Dracula,' earns a prestigious honor bestowed by independent booksellers

By Lynn Carey
STAFF WRITER

Marta Acosta is browsing through the books on a table at the entrance of the El Cerrito Barnes & Noble, picking some up, putting them down. In 40 or so years, her interest in all things literary hasn't waned; even as a child, Acosta would browse through novels at the used-book stores near her Richmond Annex home, saving quarters until she had enough to buy one.

There's one big difference now, though. Nestled among the trade paperbacks on this particular table at Barnes & Noble is "Happy Hour at Casa Dracula" by Marta Acosta (Simon & Schuster Pocket, $13, 320 pages).

It's a contemporary novel featuring a sassy Latina heroine who gets mixed up with a group of ... well, vampires. Vampires who have a lovely estate in the Northern California wine country. Vampires who happen to have excellent genes (except for the drinking blood thing), and one of them is sexy and handsome and funny and smart.

Can this book be categorized as a paranormal romance? Maybe. Thriller? Sometimes. Mystery? Sure. Comedy? Definitely. Latino fiction? Well, a tiny bit. Magical realism? Absolutely not.

"If you have a Spanish surname, there is an automatic assumption that you write magical realism," says Acosta, sighing over coffee at the bookstore's cafe. "I think Latino authors are rewarded for writing in this expected style."

This need by booksellers and publishing houses for a specific genre is frustrating for Acosta. She's not someone who likes to be stuffed into categories, but she sees the reasoning.

"People consider me a chick-lit writer. It's a marketing designation. But I've learned that books put in certain groups are able to sell better. Do I want my books to sell better? Of course!"

"Happy Hour at Casa Dracula" is indeed a curvy peg being forced into square, set holes. It's set in San Francisco, where the heroine, Milagro, ekes out a living by doing a hodgepodge of little jobs after graduating from a fancy University. She has a tiny flat with rats. She hangs out in biker bars as well as at the occasional society soiree.

Yes, there are similarities between Milagro and her creator. Acosta went to Stanford and had many jobs (mostly in public relations writing).

"The huge difference is, Milagro doesn't have family. I have three brothers, and we have a strong family unit. That's what Milagro longs for."

Acosta's father was a laborer for an industrial company. Two of her brothers also attended Stanford; one is now a lawyer, the other a businessman.

Acosta kept working after marrying and having a son; the family lives in Richmond, about a mile from where she grew up. She stopped working full time after her book was bought by Simon & Schuster, [illegible] lances for local [illegible] cluding the Contra [illegible] where she writes [illegible] ing (the fictional [illegible] an accomplished [illegible]

Another affinity [illegible] heroine and the [illegible] they represent.

"I wanted to do [illegible] had gone to a good [illegible] wasn't the stereo[illegible] but actually a Latina [illegible] and more common [illegible] class girl who is [illegible] ing to find her way

See ACOSTA



RICHMOND WRITER Marta Acosta is the author of "Happy Hour at Casa Dracula," in which a young woman gets mixed up [illegible] of attractive vampires.

IF YOU GO

WHO: Marta Acosta
WHAT: Writing workshop
WHERE: Barnes & Noble, 6050 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito
WHEN: 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 26
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Sandy Graves, 510-316-3617

Radio Bar turning up the hip in Oaklan

NIGHT WRITER
Jessica Yadegaran

It was across the street from BART, but it felt like Amsterdam.

Oakland's Radio is a lounge like no other. Red paper lanterns dangle from the ceiling. A disco ball and cage constitute a dance floor. A kitten-meets-dominatrix in a fishnet suit bartends stiffies. And, on Saturday nights, there is endless Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre and Salt-n-Pepa pumping.

The whole time you're there, you feel as though something naughty is about to go down.

I said it once, two weeks ago, and I'll say it again. Someone has breathed life and fire into the downtown Oakland scene. Sexy crowds. Great tunes. Real cocktails. It's the new everything.

There we were: me, Julie and my roommate, Gavin. We ran into Gav on the curb of our Elmwood Craftsman. He'd just walked home from BART after who knows how many hours of drinking. We were on our way to Radio. After a millisecond twist of the arm, Gav, ever the rock star, hopped in the car.

By the time we got to Radio, we all felt like rock stars. We grabbed a table with black vinyl stools and immediately set about drinking. We needed to catch up with Gav. For the girls, bartender Cory suggested her Key Lime Pie martinis — Malibu Rum, sweet and sour, and a few other yummies.

Stiff and served in a phat tumbler I could barely fit my hands around, this was no sissy drink. I had three of them. Gav got a Ketel and cran. After taking a swig, he confirmed Cory's mad skills: "These are real drinks." We concurred. At $5.50 a pop, we were stoked. Cory and the manager, Sylvia, done up in the Radio uniform of high-waisted fishnets, ruffled boy shorts and corset, elicited more than a few "meows" from us.

They were hot and fit in with the vibe of the bar: crime graphic novel meets anime action heroines. Red candle holders flickered at every table and a red-paneled bar looked ever the swankier with its mirror shelves and large disco column. Whoever (actually, it's the same owner as Ruby Room) designed the former boxer's bar five years ago knew what they were doing — consciously hip without trying too hard. Even a creepy mannequin gone mod lying languidly across the top of the bar worked for us.

Naturally, Jules and I couldn't sit still with all the old-school jams DJ Joe Quikk was spinning, so we excused ourselves and made our way upstairs to the cage. There, we danced bat mitzvah-style with a bunch of randoms, taking turns going in the middle to work it and then hooting and whistling and egging others on to do the same. It reminded me of high school, and it was rad.

We danced with Fred and Cooper, who said they were members of the Temptations Revue — we were skeptical — but realized the band was playing Art & Soul the next day and probably needed to party before a big festival. Between the Prince and Michael Jackson tunes, we were all working the cage too much to check their rock star [illegible]

Sweating [illegible] down to get a [illegible] check on Gav. [illegible] at the door, but [illegible] out why they [illegible] ever.

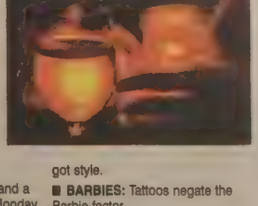
We talked to [illegible] trons, including [illegible] mirror-image [illegible] an Australian [illegible] the new East [illegible] Lakeshore-Ave[illegible] wearing an "I [illegible] land" T-shirt. [illegible] then, we knew [illegible] place we would [illegible] Maybe on Sunday [illegible] a red screen [illegible] cage into a rep[illegible] shadow show.

Who needs [illegible]



MANAGER Sylvia Venegas, right, and bartender Cory Abshear present strong drinks in eye-catching outfits at Radio Ba[illegible] The lounge maintains a naughty vibe, thanks to its ruby 'n' rad aura.

RADIO BAR



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■ **BARBIES:** Tattoos negate the Barbie factor.
■ **GIN & TONIC RATING:** 5 (out of 5).
■ **MOJITOS?** Depends on the night.
■ **EXTRAS:** A cage of a dance floor.

Night Writer Jessica Yadegaran profiles bars, clubs, hangouts in the East Bay and welcomes comments or suggestions at jyadegaran@[illegible]

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...e Chevrolet HHR proves you can't judge a book by its cover

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

...ly, I didn't like the Chevrolet HHR ... reasons. But by the end of the ... was sorry to see this compact ...tility vehicle leave.

...reason I didn't like the HHR at ...first I couldn't raise my seat high ...to see the front of the hood. I felt ...as driving a windshield. Actually, ...reduce the power seat higher to see ...ad, but my head would be too ...to the roof, which could be dan... in a collision. The other annoy... is the movable right armrest not ...ording to the level of the armrest ...door.

...2-liter Ecotec engine was rea... strong in acceleration, even ...e only produced 149 horsepower. ...ver was connected to a five-speed ...transmission and it was easy to ...ve. The Ecotec engine is de...ed to reduce the noise and vibration. ...of the things I did like was the ...getting into the driver's seat. The ...ened wide and I didn't have to ...ss with most SUVs. All five seats ...vered with leather and leather ...the steering wheel and covered ...knob. The interior impression ...y upscale for an SUV that sells ...rs, including a load of options. ...e is only $18,325.

...I became acquainted with the ex...mensions of this vehicle, I didn't ...seeing the front edge of the hood. ...ing and parking were simple be...e HHR is a small SUV and is easy ...ize for that reason. The Chevy ...inted out the roof has the look ...e Chevy Suburban, and the bold ...ille badge and round taillamps ...dicant of early Corvettes.

...re are two chrome tie-down bars ...oof for those who want to travel ...e people plus luggage, yet there ...ensible amount of storage space ...sily accessed, and the 60/40 rear ...n fold flat to the floor. For those ...distance, the HHR has a 16-gal... to provide a 450-mile cruising ...The EPA mileage rating is 23 city and 30 highway.)



MOTOR MATTERS

THE INTERIOR IMPRESSION of the Chevrolet HHR was upscale for an SUV that sells for $23,775, including a load of options, top. The 60/40 rear seats can fold flat to the floor, left.

KEANE ON WHEELS

My tester also had a power sunroof (optional) that didn't cause annoying air-rush noise when opened, allowing me to enjoy the sound system, with its XM Satellite radio that included a six-speaker AM/FM/CD stereo, plus an iPod input jack. For some reason, the XM radio sounded better in this vehicle than it does in other GM products. For that reason alone, I started to take a liking to the HHR and eventually, I got used to the dual-level armrest.

Although it has 1940s styling, the HHR has numerous safety features that weren't available on cars of the 40s. For example, this SUV has the latest in seatbelt design, plus the driver and front passenger have dual-stage airbags. It also has daytime running lights and child safety rear door locks, plus the LATCH child seat retention system. This SUV has received a five-star rating in both frontal and side crash tests from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The more I drove this little SUV, the more I liked it, and I began to wonder why all manufacturers didn't make smaller SUVs. Perhaps it's because small vehicles couldn't accommodate big people. So I got four big adults and we went for a ride. The three seated in the rear said they were comfortable, and I was surprised at the acceleration from this little engine, which still leaves me to wonder why manufacturers make huge SUVs.

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end, and I now regret that I didn't take an immediate liking to the HHR and enjoy it from the beginning.

CHEVROLET HHR LT

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, front-wheel drive sport utility vehicle
Base Price	$18,325
Price As Tested	$23,755
Engine Type	Inline four-cylinder DOHC 16-valve w/SMPFI
Horsepower	149 @ 5,600 rpm
Torque	152 @ 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed manual
Wheelbase	103 inches
Height	63 inches
Curb Weight	3,115 pounds
Fuel Capacity	16 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 23/30

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Sleek 1968 Pontiac Tempest performs beautifully

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

CLASSIC CLASSICS

The age of attorney Jeffrey Noecker and that of his car are separated by only a few years. Despite that coincidence, there is nothing in his past that would typically link him to his 1968 Pontiac Tempest.

After successfully graduating from his teen-age years, followed by college and then law school, Noecker had finally come to appreciate the beauty and engineering intricacies of antique cars.

The connection came when the Wilmington, N.C., attorney, who shared office space with a fellow barrister, learned of the car. His officemate's father-in-law, Leon Gigou, had died and his estate had to dispose of his 1968 Pontiac Tempest that had been purchased new.

In 1968 Gigou, who obviously had an eye for classic, clean and uncluttered lines, ordered the verduro green car from the local Pontiac dealership in Valdese, N.C. The base price was $2,451.

When Noecker learned of the car, he thought it might be of interest. He enlisted his mechanically inclined father-in-law to accompany him on a trip to inspect the car. If the car was n't up to snuff, he was prepared to drive away. However, in his heart he knew that this was a keeper, so much so that they made the trip in a truck towing a trailer.

"When I first saw the car I was hooked," Noecker says.

The car wouldn't start and was covered in several years' worth of dust since the original owner's health had prevented regular maintenance.

"It needed a little TLC; there was no rust on the car and it had only been driven 48,000 miles," he said. Noecker could see the diamond in the rough beneath the dust and bought the car on the spot.

Along with the car, Noecker says, "I got the original title, owner's manual and other original 'paperwork." By all accounts Gigou was a prudent man who selected a two-door Tempest with no radio, but familiarity with the heat of North Carolina summers compelled him to order an air conditioner. Gigou opted for the optional 350-cubic-inch V8 engine and then carefully maintained and garaged his Pontiac for the next 35 years.

Noecker towed the Pontiac back to his father-in-law's home in southern North Carolina for storage until spring. "I had a secret hope that he would work on the car," Noecker says, but that was not to be.

Before the spring of 2005, Noecker had done his homework and arranged to have the car delivered to a local garage near his home that had agreed to do the necessary work. The engine received a tune-up and a clean bill of health.

"I replaced the ivy green vinyl seats with brand new Ivy green vinyl," Noecker says. "The front split-bench seat is like a comfortable couch." The crack-free green vinyl padded dashboard testifies to the benefits of garaging a car to protect it from the sun. The automatic transmission is operated by a steering column shift linkage with seat belts available in both front and rear seats.

A hair shy of 20,000 cars like the Tempest were manufactured, each one leaving the factory rolling on a 112-inch wheelbase, weighing 3,242 pounds and carrying a base price of $2,461. The speedometer stands ready to register speeds up to 120 mph.

"It runs pretty good," says Noecker, adding, "it would get close to the top." He offers a caveat in that — "it's a big hunk of steel to get moving."

When the time came for repainting, Noecker decided to go with the original color, which turned out to be gorgeous. The air conditioner received a recharge and, Noecker says, "it works well and keeps the car cool, which is nice here in Wilmington."

With 54,000 miles recorded on the odometer, the sleek Pontiac performs beautifully. Because it is unique, they have named the car "Leon" in honor of the original owner. Noecker, a firm believer in driving antique cars, can be seen virtually every day driving "Leon" about downtown Wilmington.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view) plus brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.



MOTOR MATTERS

WITH 54,000 MILES recorded on the odometer, the sleek 1968 Pontiac Tempest performs beautifully.

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BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

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Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Oldsmobile Aurora. Last summer the original a/c unit was replaced with a new unit. There is now a loud whining sound. The dealer said the a/c unit was defective and replaced it. The noise is still there and disappears when I shut the a/c off. Now I cannot determine where the noise is coming from. — Tom

Dear Tom: A simple check of all moving pulleys with a stethoscope should reveal the source of the noise. It sounds like another faulty a/c compressor. Get a second opinion from another shop.

Dear Doctor: I would like to buy a car that I have always wanted: a 1999 Buick Riviera. What are your thoughts? Will

Dear Will: There should be many of these cars on the road. Some have a supercharged V6 engine, which is more desirable. But be cautious of these cars in the Snow Belt. The Buick Riviera will have a lot of rust build-up if driven during the winter.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2003 Kia Sorento with 30,000 miles. The manual says to change the fuel filter at 30,000 miles. The dealer said at 100,000 miles because the filter is located in the fuel tank with the fuel pump. What should I do? — Dennis

Dear Dennis: In many new vehicles the gas filter is in the gas tank along with the fuel pump. The reason for the extended fuel filter replacement interval is that the fuel system is a single-line system and there is no return line back to the gas tank for the unused fuel. A return-line system sends a lot of gas to the engine that ends up back in the fuel tank. The return-line system requires a filter replacement at 20,000 to 30,000 miles. The single-line system requires replacement at 100,000 to 120,000 miles.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Toyota RAV4 two-wheel drive with only 35,000 miles. It has an intermittent problem. When I start the engine it sometimes stalls and the idle speed does not hold. But if I keep the idle up, the engine will not stall. — Tom

Dear Tom: I checked on Identifix and it shows other RAV4 owners with similar stalling problems and no trouble fault codes. Faulty coolant sensors, dirty throttle bodies and faulty VSV solenoids and ERG valve functions all can contribute to stalling when started. A good technician should be able to find the problem.

Dear Doctor: I recently took my 2003 VW Jetta Diesel to the dealer because the "check engine" light came on. The scan check took only five minutes and the... of a faulty ter... cost of the co... $113. The repairs ... ditional $200. I fee... advantage of ... the problems ... check the car out. A... miles later, the "che... is still on, but the ca... thoughts please. —

Dear Tony: The ... light comes on ... cannot interpret ... an input sensor outp... in some states tha... a smog test with the ... ever the reason, the ... be corrected. Your ... quires a dedicated ... you will not find in ... shop. The scan ... is overhead at the ... the fee for the ... should have been ... the service was don...

Dear Doctor: ... Hyundai Elantra with ... The engine recently ... quart of oil every 1,0... dealer cannot find ... leaks. Where is the ...

Dear Bill: The ... check the PCV ... has one. If it does, ... the system. Secondly, ... bon treatment of the ... the engine still uses ... dicates a problem ... head valve gu... switch over to high ... not spend any more ... With cold weather ... consumption will ...

Dear Doctor: ... Toyota Camry with ... ant. I recently went to ... tem recharged and ... cost would be abou... grade before it coul... Why isn't there a mor... refrigerant? — Jame...

Dear James: The ... erant is still available ... tions. There are no re... upgrade to the new ... ant. When the cod... switched over, the ... only about 75 percent ... frigerant is added to the ... main problem is that ... cians add too much ... old systems. The ... sion consists of two ... R134A. Some older ... additional part-replac...

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85 Maitland Dr - $850,000
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361 Tucker Av - $877,500
389 Tucker Av - $824,500
410 Tucker Av - $236,000
898 Union St - $777,500
872 Walnut St - $899,000

ALBANY

909 Adams St D - $635,000
956 Cornell Av - $555,000
941 Jackson St - $547,000
1433 Marin Av - $830,000
1110 Pomona Av - $700,000
730 Talbot Av - $730,000

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1324 67th St - $750,000
2331 8th St - $605,000
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2614 Etna St - $1,060,000
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1758 Arlington Bl - $740,000
753 Colusa Av - $730,000
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7404 Susan Av - $735,000
2632 Tamalpais - $629,000

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3790 Hillcrest - $375,000
4162 Santa Rita - $515,000

EMERYVILLE

1121 40th St 5206 - $470,000
4 Admiral Dr B441 - $358,000
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1543 Brunswig - $796,000
1500 Park Av 501 - $560,000

OAKLAND

498 105th Av - $635,000
516 105th Av - $625,000
1828 107th Av - $628,000
2036 107th Av - $485,000
1505 19th Av - $550,000
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4129 Penniman G - $520,000
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1328 Hayes St - $410,000
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LOWEST PRICE: $236,000
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MEDIAN PRICE: $750,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $698,967

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TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: $547,000
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MEDIAN PRICE: $700,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $666,167

BERKELEY
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LOWEST PRICE: $355,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,695,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $750,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $752,781

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LOWEST PRICE: $595,00...
HIGHEST PRICE: $740,00...
MEDIAN PRICE: $730,00...
AVERAGE PRICE: $686,0...

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $375,00...
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AVERAGE PRICE: $445,0...

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TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: $358,00...
HIGHEST PRICE: $780,0...
MEDIAN PRICE: $560,00...
AVERAGE PRICE: $585,0...

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TOTAL SALES: 103
LOWEST PRICE: $245,00...
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,800,0...
MEDIAN PRICE: $529,50...
AVERAGE PRICE: $556,6...

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $1,375,0...
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,805,0...
AVERAGE PRICE: $1,590,0...

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TOTAL SALES: 37
LOWEST PRICE: $192,5...
HIGHEST PRICE: $646,0...
MEDIAN PRICE: $442,00...
AVERAGE PRICE: $470,8...

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST PRICE: $410,0...
HIGHEST PRICE: $670,0...
MEDIAN PRICE: $530,00...
AVERAGE PRICE: $536,1...

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: $500,0...
HIGHEST PRICE: $670,0...
MEDIAN PRICE: $600,00...
AVERAGE PRICE: $595,0...

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007 Sierra gives strength to meaning of 'Professional Grade'

BY TIM SPELL
MOTOR MATTERS

C sticks with a traditional for its new-generation 2007 full-size pickup, but adds gen- doses of styling and engi- refinement. Sierras will be in work truck, SLE (SLE1 and SLT and Denali models. Three SLT and Denali models. Three box lengths of 5-foot-8-inch box, 6-foot-6-inch standard box and 6-foot-6-inch long box, and 2WD and 4WD configurations, will be available. Overall, its predecessors, said Mike Arth, GM North America vice president, the 2007 Sierra reflects the "Professional Grade" capability that is Key to its upgraded looks and construction with "world-class" fit, cleanness and fits.

TRUCK TALK

"It has a very strong, refined muscular appearance with a center-focused power-dome hood," White said. "The hood flows out over the fenders and wheel arches."

Denali takes advantage of the "Professional Grade" aspect of GMC, adding the elegance of chrome mesh on the grille and lower air dam. It comes standard with chrome door handles, chrome assist steps and a roof rack.

All Sierras are muscled-up with tall fender flares rising above front and rear wheel openings (home for 17- or 20-inch wheels), available across the Sierra lineup. Wheel tracks are wider by about 3 inches up front and 1 inch at the rear and the windshield angle is steeper.

Featured at the rear are triple-stacked "very industrial" compartment-type taillamps. The cargo box grows taller, just over 1 inch at the front and almost 2 inches at the rear.

Despite being taller, the tailgate has a lower closing effort than its predecessors. An EX Lift Tailgate assist and lock option (standard on Denali) further cuts effort from 30 to about 15 pounds closing force.

Even less effort is required to operate the power sunroof and sliding rear window, which are available on all models. Rear side windows of Extended Cab models are power-operated. They lower completely into new-design doors that open 170 degrees.

Extended-Cab models provide more rear legroom and, along with Crew Cabs, more supportive cushions and improved seat-back angles. A new "stadium-style" 60/40-split rear-seating configuration is available with Extended Cab and Crew Cab models. It enables you, with one-handed pull-up operation, to split the use of the seats for carrying people or cargo. Sierra buyers have a choice between two different basic interior styles — "pure pickup" or "luxury-inspired."

"Pure pickup" models feature an under-seat storage bin and a double glovebox with a covered storage compartment above a traditional glovebox. Models with the 40/20/40-split front bench gain the convenience of a 9.1-liter lockable storage bin with a power outlet. Instrument panels are carry-over designs, upgraded to be more "contemporary" with improved textures, controls and gauge details over those of past-generation Sierras.

Among the "luxury-inspired" interior pluses are leather upholstery; heated, 12-way-power driver seat; six-disc/MP3-compatible audio system with Bose speakers; and heated windshield washer system.

The "luxury-inspired" instrument panel is fitted in the SLT and Denali models. It's more sculpted, with a brow shrouding the gauge cluster, and is dressier with woodgrain and more chrome appointments.

Instrument panels in both interiors are repositioned "low and forward" to boost legroom and spaciousness. Cabs are roomier, offering more legroom, hiproom and headroom. The front seat track is extended to create 44 inches of legroom. Also adding comfort, the front-seat recline angle is increased.

Teaming with more comfortable seats, White said, is "segment-leading" quietness and ride quality. He credits the more civilized ride to the wider wheel tracks and re-engineered frame and suspension system.

Upping trailer-towing grunt is a selection of eight different engine offerings. Powering to the top of this list is the 6.2-liter V8 unleashing 400 horses and 417 pounds-foot of torque exclusive to the Denali. The engine lineup also includes a 4.3-liter V6, 4.8-liter V8, four versions of the 5.3-liter V8 and a 6.0-liter V8.

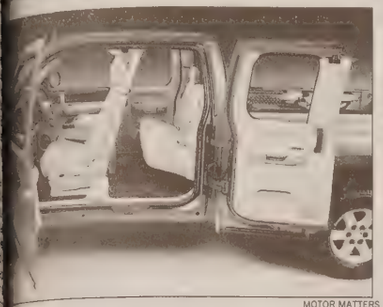
Bolted to these powerplants is a four-speed Hydra-Matic automatic transmission. Partnered with the Denali's 6.2-liter is a six-speed automatic with clutchless-manual mode.

There are no official fuel economy figures, but White touts the fuel economy of the 5.3 V8, which is available with Active Fuel Management, E85 (85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline) compatibility and a choice of aluminum or iron blocks.

"It's the only member of the over-300-horsepower and over-20-miles-per-gallon club," he said of the 5.3-liter.

Light-duty Crew Cab and Extended Cab models go on sale in October and Regular Cabs in November. The light-duty high-end Denali and heavy-duty Sierras are scheduled to reach dealerships in February. Pricing has not been announced.

Tim Spell is editor of the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section.



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Alternate propulsion

Subaru has advanced-technology concept cars in the United States, revealing details on the B9SC hybrid-drive sports roadster. This concept vehicle showcases signature elements of the brands's evolving design language now being developed. The B9SC melds high-performance driving and environmental compatibility in an exciting fun-to-drive roadster. Subaru believes that hybrid gas/electric-powered vehicles will be the link in evolution from combustion engines to fuel cell-powerd electric vehicles.

Improved quality

General Motors Corp. rolled out a 100,000-mile warranty to convince skeptical consumers of the improved quality of its 2007-model cars and trucks. The five-year extended warranty covering engines and transmissions was touted by GM Chairman Rick Wagoner as evidence that the automaker's corporate turnaround is gaining traction. The warranty, which covers all GM models, reflects the automaker's new emphasis on marketing the value of its vehicles.

Source: The Detroit News.

Child safety

Despite recent laws designed to make child safety seats easier to use in cars and light trucks, a vast majority of parents install them incorrectly, according to Sean McGrath, a Crystal Lake, Ill., police officer and certified child seat inspector and instructor. He said as many as 90 percent of child seats are improperly used. This problem was supposed to be solved four years ago with a universal mounting system called LATCH.

Source: The Detroit Free Press.

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Honda of El Cerrito To Offer Employee Prices To The Public On New 2007 Honda Models

EL CERRITO, CA - Due to the incredible response this offer generated earlier this year, Honda of El Cerrito will again offer all brand new 2007 Hondas in stock, at the same prices that its employees pay. This offer is available from September 22-30, 2006 only.

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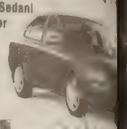
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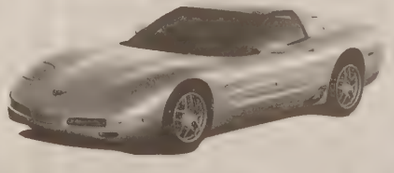
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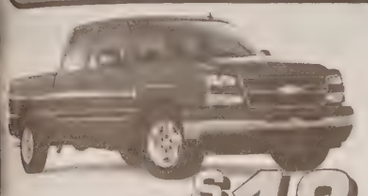
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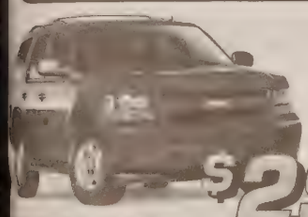
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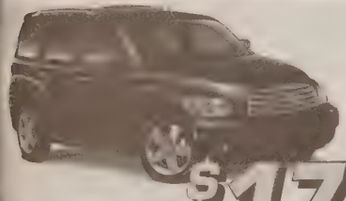
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Your car, in the buff

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A recent survey commissioned by the British-based supermarket chain Tesco found that the average steering wheel has more than twice as many germs as a toilet seat. What's more, the survey also found that only 13 percent of people regularly clean their cars, that 45 percent clean rarely, and 5 percent never do it at all. And these are Brits.

Here in America — where many of us treat our cars like family members, and where the car wash industry brings in an estimated $24 billion annually — the numbers are even worse, with an estimated 15 percent of car owners never washing, according to the International Carwash Association.

That they get dirty should come as no surprise. Our cars are a mobile microcosm of our homes, and our lives. We carry our pets and our kids and all manner of Things That We Probably Should Have Washed in our cars. We eat in our cars, rarely following up with the kind of fastidious disinfecting we indulge in the kitchen. We allow perishable particles to fall and convalesce on the floorboard, and sometimes, when we're really desperate, we use the upholstery as a napkin. Admit it.

"A cluttered car is not the sign of a brilliant mind," write the authors of "Dare to Repair Your Car," (Collins, $14.95) in the introduction to a chapter on interior detailing. "It's the sign of a driver who thinks that no one can see inside her car."

But we're not here to make you feel dirty, or guilty. This is about getting clean, for the non-gear-head set. So what if summer car wash season is waning? There's still time to get in a thorough nose to tail, inside and out bath before the weather turns.

Spiffing up your ride doesn't have to cost a bundle. For less than $20, and a few hours' commitment, you can achieve a cleaning that — though it might make a professional detailer cringe — will likely get you through the season (see our supply checklist).

Professional car detailer Dan Wheeler, who runs the body shop and detailing service at DePaula Chevrolet in Albany, N.Y., recommends a steam cleaner for carpets, but a scrubbing with a upholstery cleaner, and a thorough vacuuming, will work for those on a budget.

As far as products for DIYers, John Feeley, owner of Absolute Detailing in Green Island, N.Y., finds that most products offered by Mothers or Meguiar's do the job. Another good place to start is your car's owners manual, which may offer suggestions.

"The problem is that a lot of people don't use (cleaning products) the appropriate way," said Feeley. For instance, there was the guy who put yellow wax on a white sports car on a sunny day.

"Discolored his brand new Corvette," he said.

When it comes to exterior cleaning, Wheeler suggests a glazer or wax that can be hand-applied and doesn't need to be buffed, and for fine scratches, a clear coat friendly finishing compound.

Armor All is good, but should be avoided on the dash beneath the windshield, Wheeler said. "If you make your dash too shiny on the top surface, it cuts down on your visibility," he said.

For those who don't relish the idea of DIY detailing, plenty of professionals are willing to step in. But know such services can take hours, and cost upward of $170, depending on the size of the vehicle.

"From now right up to Thanksgiving is the most common time people want to get their vehicles done," said Wheeler. "A good (wax) coat on the exterior helps protect from the elements of winter."

Feeley puts it slightly more evocatively:

"Think about it — it's been a busy summer, you've been to the beach, you've been everywhere with the kids," Feeley said. "Pretty soon you'll be rolling up the windows and turning the heat on."

At upstate New York's Hoffman Car Wash centers, it's minivan season. "We see a lot of them this time of year, after vacations," said Ron Slone, the company's vice president.

Even among customers who clean their cars, dirt happens. And detailers know dirt.

"Every year they come back, but you can tell it's been a year," Feeley said. "It's in between the seats. Coffee. Brown stains. That's where everyone's ashtrays are. Pens and quarters. Stuck food."

DIYers will "probably only get about 60 percent," Wheeler said. "The fine stuff — the particles, dust and lint, road grime — that's harder. Not a lot of vehicles have a filtration system, so pretty much you're taking in outside air inside with no filtering."

To further confuse slobs, there are levels within the detailing realm, as well. Environmental packages, interior and exterior packages, and while-you-wait services.

At Hoffman Car Wash, $59.99 gets you the express detailing service, which includes an exterior wash, interior surface cleaning, vacuuming and carpet cleaning and takes about 30 to 45 minutes. But the question remains: Can a car's cleanliness really affect how well it runs?

The answer: Unless you're talking rust, not very much. (Cue happy dance for die-hard slobs.)

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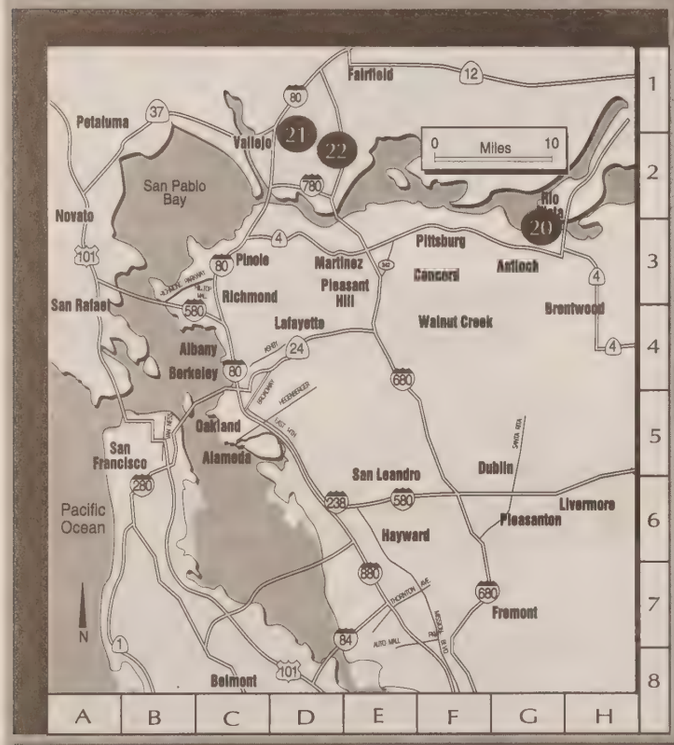
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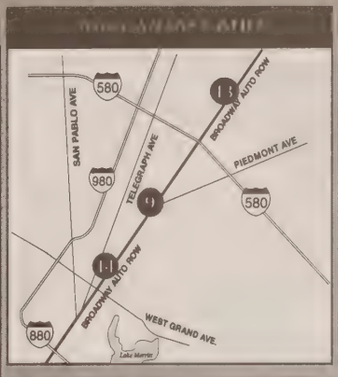
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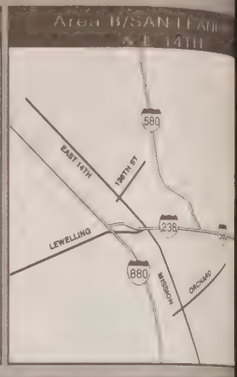
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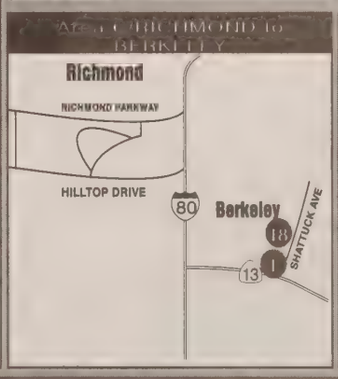
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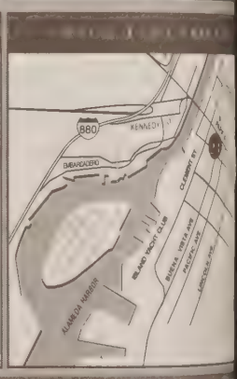
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h is exactly what a lot of are doing. Boomers — up of 78 million born from through 1964 — certainly means. They have more $3 trillion, with a T, in dis- income each year. Half of households already own or more vehicles and that ge is expected to grow, ding to a study by AutoPa- marketing consulting firm. third car, the study says, to be "aspirational," a car ects individual style. Mus- retooled for the 21st cen- e report says, are making a comeback. Chevrolet last month announced it was bringing back the Camaro, a classic muscle car that first hit the road in the late 1960s. A more refined, aerodynamic and fuel-frugal version will hit showrooms early in 2009.

But what are prime-time folks buying right now?

"They are buying a lot of high-end cars," says Tom Libby of the Powers Information Network, which tracks automobile sales.

The list of cars for which more than one-third of buyers are ages 45-55 includes the Lexus SC series, the BMW 7 series, the Porsche Cayman and the Chevrolet Corvette.

Here are a few of the cars popular with prime-time drivers:

Volvo C70

This is no stodgy Swedish sedan. The C70, while plenty safe, is also stylish, with a retractable hardtop roof that goes from closed to blue-sky open in about 30 seconds. The C70 is powered by a turbocharged, 2.5-liter, inline five-cylinder engine coupled with either a standard six-speed manual transmission or optional five-speed automatic. Standard equipment includes 17-inch wheels, automatic dual-zone climate control, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, power front seats, a driver memory function and CD changer.

More than 45 percent of C70 buyers are 45-55.

Toyota Land Cruiser

This is an SUV that can take you to rugged locales in comfort. Capable off road and well-mannered on paved highways, the Land Cruiser is propelled by a 4.7-liter V8 engine mated with a five-speed automatic transmission. There is seating for eight and, with the rear seats removed, nearly 98 cubic feet of storage space. And if that isn't enough room for your gear, the SUV can tow up to 6,500 pounds. The Land Cruiser comes loaded — leather seating, a JBL audio system with in-dash CD changer, a moon roof and automatic climate control. But you need to be fairly loaded to buy one: The sticker price is more than $55,000.

Ford GT

You want a muscle car? This is a muscle car. And it is soon to become a collector's item. The last of these mid-engine two-seaters rolls off the assembly line this month. When all is said and done, probably fewer than 2,500 of these $150,000 bad boys will be on the road. The price tag gets you a hand-built, all-aluminum 5.4-liter V-8 and 550 horsepower. The Ford GT gets to 60 mph in 3.5 seconds. An automatic defibrillator isn't on the list of standard equipment, but you do get air conditioning, power windows and an AM/FM/CD audio system. You also can get racing stripes. Seriously.

Toyota Prius

Boomers were among the celebrants of that inaugural Earth Day way back when, so it's no surprise they still want to help save the planet. A third of all Priuses, the hot gasoline-electric hybrid, are sold to buyers 45-55. This compact sedan gets an estimated 60 mpg in city driving, when the electric motor does much of the work. And 51 mpg on the highway isn't shabby, either. Standard features in this fuel-frugal car include automatic climate control, a six-speaker CD stereo and cruise control. Spend a bit more and you can get leather seats, a DVD-based navigation system and a JBL premium audio system.

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General Motors is changing perception, reality and warranties

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Recently, I crossed the American-Canadian border between Detroit and Windsor, as I often do, when the U.S. customs agent, as they always do, quizzed me about my opinion of the new model I was test-driving. After giving him a rundown of the pros and cons of the Hyundai, he responded, "Yeah, but how about that warranty?"

He was referring to what the South Korean automaker has boasted is America's best warranty. The extra-long warranty, which offers 10-year/100,000-mile powertrain protection, 5-year/60,000-mile bumper-to-bumper protection and 5-year unlimited roadside assistance on all new vehicles, was initiated to prove to consumers that Hyundai's once poor quality had dramatically improved.

Indeed, the strategy worked. The warranty lured customers who might have been skeptical about buying a Hyundai, and, after their purchase, they were convinced Hyundai produced good quality. As a result, Hyundai sales have soared and repeat customers are increasing.

General Motors hopes for similar success. The automaker boasts it now has the best warranty with coverage up to 100,000 miles or five years across its entire 2007 car and light-duty truck line. GM's new 100,000 Mile Warranty coverage is a fully transferable five-year, 100,000-mile powertrain limited warranty with no deductible.

GM also has decided to expand its roadside assistance and courtesy transportation programs to match the powertrain warranty term. The improved warranty, GM executives said, reflects GM's success in dramatically improving the quality and durability of its vehicles.

"We've been telling everyone how strong GM's cars and trucks are in terms of value, design, quality and durability. Now we're going to back it up," Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner said in making the announcement.

Yes, GM has been telling everyone its products have improved, but few people actually believe it. Reader e-mails and letters to me are evidence. Lower sales and slumping market share are proof.

Indeed, perception is reality in the car business. And it takes a long time to change perceptions. Witness the tale of two auto companies — Toyota and General Motors. Despite recalls and public relations woes, Toyota's image of bulletproof quality persists. Despite concrete evidence to the contrary, GM's reputation for inferior quality remains.

In recent months, Toyota has recalled nearly 3 million vehicles in the alone and has millions of other recalls worldwide. The list of recalled vehicles is growing to include its highly touted Prius hybrid and its spanking new FJ Cruiser. The recalls aren't minor kinks but serious issues that could be dangerous to consumers. Investigations by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on older Tundra pickups and Sienna minivans have been upgraded as well.

In addition to massive recalls outside the U.S., Japanese prosecutors are looking into an alleged delay by Toyota executives in recalling a vehicle in Japan sold as the 4Runner in the U.S. The investigation, reminiscent of an earlier one that led to major problems for Mitsubishi, centers around Toyota executives' alleged failure to recall the vehicle, despite the company possibly knowing as early as 1996 that it was defective.

In New York, Toyota recently settled an ugly sexual harassment suit filed by a female employee who publicly detailed her allegations. While terms of the settlement are private, the suit obviously must have cost Toyota dearly.

Nevertheless, Toyota's sales and market share continue to climb. In July, Toyota's three brands — Toyota, Lexus and Scion — surpassed those of the Ford group, moving Toyota into second place and closing in on GM. In August, Toyota had record sales.

At the same time, evidence is clearly mounting that GM quality is improving. A University of Michigan analysis of customer attitudes found that GM is doing a better job of impressing buyers. Quality surveys, such as J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Survey (quality in the first 30 days of ownership) and Dependability Survey (over years of ownership), show GM improving.

Nevertheless, the perception that GM's quality lags behind Toyota's by quantum amounts persists. And indeed, Toyota and its Lexus division, in particular, outrank even GM's best in the same surveys, though not by massive amounts as the public apparently thinks. And the University of Michigan analysis of customer attitudes showed Toyota outdoing GM.

Perhaps the new warranty will help get new buyers into GM vehicles, shift perceptions and drive a turnaround of sales and market share. That's what GM hopes, anyway.

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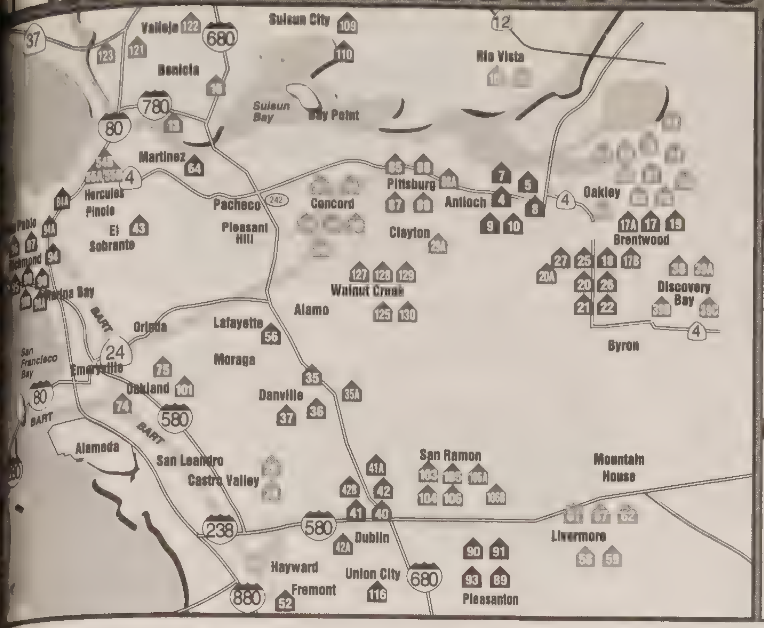
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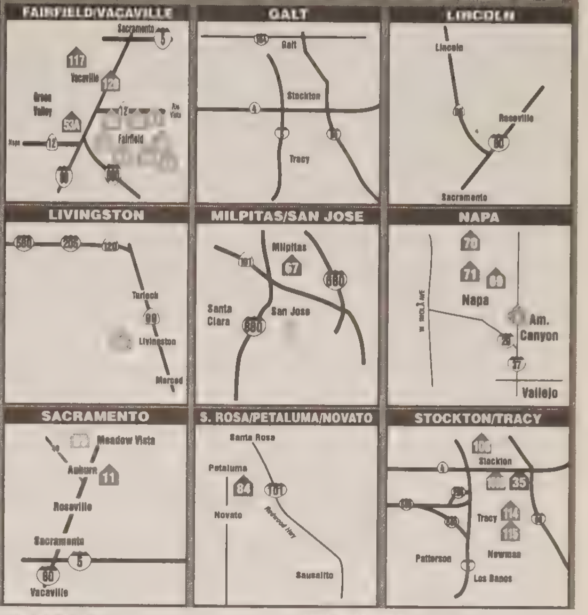
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45 ANDALUCIA - *From the upper $700,000s.* Marbella features 4 plans approx. 2,205-3,816 sf, up to 5 bed/3 ba. Sevilla features 4 plans, approx. 2,796-3,940 sf, up to 7 bed/5 ba. Located in Rancho Solano. Open Sat-Thurs., 11-5; Fri. 2-5. www.live-andalucia.com.

46 ARIA - *From the $900,000s.* Final sales release. Rediscover artistic approach to homebuilding w/60 custom-quality homes that offer up to 7 bed, 2,900 to 3,565 sf, and views of the surrounding natural beauty. 707-864-1585, www.citationnorthern.com.

47 EASTRIDGE HILLS - *From the mid $1,000,000s.* Builder Close Out! Ask about special allowances! 3,375-4,041 w/spectacular views. 3-5bed, to 4.5 ba, designer upgrades throughout. Open daily, 10-6. Call for directions, 707-864-8080. www.HomesByDavidon

48 PARADISE CREST - *From the low $700,000s.* Five floor plans ranging from 2,357 to 4,300 sf. Amenities include Corian kitchen countertops, phone and cable in all bedrooms, 3-car gar 707-434-9022, www.seenohomes.com.

49 CENTENNIAL WALK - *From the $400,000s.* Now Selling! This spacious collection of new homes has 3 floor plans, 3 bed, 2.5 ba and 1,309-2,075 sf. Close to shopping, restaurants, parks & I-80. 1615 Chamberlain Dr. www.TheOlsonCo.com, 707-423-1955

50 TURNSTONE - *Prices starting from the $500,000s.* 4 furnished models. 1,791 to 2,170 sf of classic architecture. Timeless 3 & 4 bed residences with innovative floor plans & placed in the most stunning of settings. www.citationnorthern.com, 800-847-4049

51 RAINTREE TERRACE - *From the low $200,000s.* Elegant 1&2 bed condohomes. Granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, fireplace, private balcony/patio, pool, fitness ctr. Gated. Open 10-6. 2915 N. Texas St. 707-422-1808 www.RaintreeTerraceCondos.com.

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52 BAYWOOD VILLAS - *From the low $200,000s.* New Phase! Luxury attached homes with studio, 1- and 2-bed designs. Pool, spa, fitness center & clubhouse. Open daily 10:30-5:30. 3190 Red Cedar Terrace 510-790-7011 www.baywood-villas.com.

GREEN VALLEY

53A EASTRIDGE - *Estate Home Sites from the $600,000s.* Gated community in the hills above Green Valley. Custom homes avail from low $2,000,000s. Julie Berg 707-862-0292 or 707-761-0159. Open Thurs.-Sun. 10-6 & Mon. noon-6. www.hofmannhomes.com.

HAYWARD

54B MEADOWOOD - *From the high $300,000s.* Grand Opening. Gated community 2 bed/2 ba plan w pri yard or deck. Interiors inc fireplaces, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel. 26805 Hayward Blvd. 510-538-1570. meadowoodhaywardhills.com.

54A COMPASS POINTE - *$852,900.* Grand closeout! Located in the Hayward Hills overlooking the SF Bay. 4 bed plans, approx. 2,544 to 2,933 sf. Open Sat-Mon 12-5. Center/Kelly/Maude/D St. 510-538-9800 www.denovahomes.com

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54B WAVECREST/SEAGATE AT BAYSIDE - 2 neighborhoods. *From mid $600,000s.* Seagate 2- to 4-bed duets, 1,850 to 3,050 sf. *From the low $700,000s.* Wavecrest, 3- to 4-bed det homes, 2,198 to 2,683 sf. Wm Lyon Homes 866-667-3151 www.lyonhomes.com

55A OCEANA - *From $604,990.* Four plans to choose from offer up to 3 bed/2.5 ba and range from approx. 1,557 to 1,692 sf. Centrally located to I-80, highways 4, 24 and 680. Open daily 10-6, Wed 1-6. 510-799-1383. www.jonnlainghomes.com.

55B THE TIDES - *From $650,990.* Four plans to choose from offer up to 4 bed/2.5 ba and range from approx 1,740 to 2,167 sf. Centrally located to I-80, highways 4, 24 and 680. Open daily 10-6, Wed 1-6 510-799-1383 www.johnlainghomes.com

LAFAYETTE

56 HIDDEN OAKS - *From the mid $2,000,000s.* By Branagh Dev. 21 custom homes in Lafayette. Approx. 3,500-5,000 sf, up to 5 bed/ 4.5 ba. Homesites as large as 3/4 flat acre, landscaping included. Call Brian Rochford at 925-299-2380 www.liveathiddenoaks.com

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57 STATION SQUARE - *From the mid $600,000s.* Craftsman-style architecture. Five spacious 2- and 3-bed home designs from approx 1,145-1,780 sf. Visit daily 10-5, Mon 12-5. Broker cooperation welcome. www.sigprop.com, 925-245-0760

58 PRIVATE RESERVE - *From the low $1,000,000s.* Single-family residences on large home sites bordering scenic vineyards. Spacious floor plans up to approx. 4,179 sf. Models open 10-5 daily, Mon 12-5. Broker coop welcome. www.sigprop.com, 925-373-3440.

59 THE CORNERS - *From the low $1,000,000s.* Models now open. 1 and 2 story homes from 3,234 to 4,119 sf. Up to 5 bed/4.5 ba with 3-car garages. 3 fireplaces, Wolf appliances and much more. On Wetmore Road between Holmes and Arroyo. Call 925-373-2522.

61 VINSANTO - *From the mid $900,000s.* Town & country living. Six 4- & 5-bed designs from 2,750 to 3,750 sf. Welcoming porches, gourmet kitchens, prewired computer centers, and separate au pair living quarters. Open daily 10-5. 925-245-0943. Pinnbros.com.

62 THE GROVE - *From the mid $800,000s.* Open for sale. Single family homes located near downtown. 2,074 to 2,846 sf. 4-5-bed, 2-3 ba. Exit 580 at First St., turn right on First St., left at N. Mines Rd., left at Sonia. Open daily. 925-245-1782. www.nbhllc.com.

LIVINGSTON

63 SOMERSET - *From the $400,000s.* Up to 7 bed/3 ba, 2,036 to 2,993 sf, 3-car garages. Stylish, classy and functional for an exceptional value. Community park, close-knit neighborhood. Open Thurs - Mon 10-5. 209-394-9150. www.ychnet.com.

MARTINEZ

64 MUIR VALLEY - *From the mid-$700,000's.* Grand Opening! 4-5 bed cul-de-sac homes near I-680/Hwy 4 6 mi from W C 2,950+ sf on large lots with luxury upgrades at no extra cost. Models open Th-Sun 11-6 or by appt. 925-228-8545. www.muir-valley.com.

MEADOW VISTA

WINCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB - *Starting at $1.5 million.* Includes Summit Collection with Golf Membership. Plus - One to six-acre estate home sites *starting in mid $400's.* Sales Center open daily from 9-6. 1-888-877-7177 or WinchesterCountryClub.com.

MILPITAS

67 TERRA SERENA - Coming Soon! A variety of attached and single family home designs with flexible floor plans and thousands of design options. Ideally located between I-680, 880, and 237. 888-KB-HOMES, kbhome.com to join the interest list.

NAPA

69 MAYFIELD LANE - *From the high $700,000s.* Final release! Embrace Napa's wine country living! 3-4 bed, single-and two-story plans approx 2,000-3,314 sf. Open daily 10-5. Tues 1-5. Hwy 29/ Trancas/Jefferson 707-258-9300 www.denovahomes.com.

70 VINTNER'S RANCH - *From the high $900,000's.* Only 4 homes remain! Real wine country living! Spacious lots, quiet cul-de-sac setting, many upgrades. Griffin Lane at Big Ranch Rd. Model open daily 11-6. 707-253-9542. www.delcobuilders.com.

71 DERBY PARC AT SHEVELAND RANCH - *From the $500,000s.* 2 & 3 bed, up to 1,998 sf. Single-family residences with 3 unique, distinctive floor plans. Open daily 707-257-1633 Castle Companies. www.ShevelandRanch.com.

OAKLAND

73 HARBORWALK - *From the low $500,000's.* Move-in Now! Contemp condos & flats near waterfront 860-1,842 sf., 1-4 bed. beautifully appointed kitchens, decks/patios, gated parking. 510-532-8843, www.sigprop.com. 3090 Glascock St. Daily 10-6, Mon. 1-6.

74 THE ESTUARY - *From the low $700,000s.* 4 designs from 1,247 to 1,993 sf w/2 or 3 bed, 2-car gar, balconies with waterfront views (per plan). Open Mon 12-5, Tues-Sun 10-5. 510-535-0120. Broker coop welcome. Signature Properties. www.sigprop.com.

75 SHADOW WOODS - *From the low $300,000s.* Prime hillside loc 1 bed/1 ba, 2 bed/2 ba condos, private, gated. Clubhouse, lighted tennis courts, pool, spa, fitness center. Sun decks, patios. No Mello-Roos. www.shadowwoodshomes.com. 510-639-0952.

OAKLEY

76A TANGLEWOOD AT LIVE OAK RANCH - *From the high $600,000s.* Single-family homes, six floor plans, approx. 2,881 to 4,342 sf, 4 and 5 bed. Meritage Homes. Open daily 10-5 925-679-3817. 105 Copper Knoll Way. www.meritagehomes.com.

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78 PARKLANDS - *From the $400,000s.* 1- and 2-story, 3-5 bed plans, 1,710 to 2,723 sf. In Oakley off Hwy 4 (Main St.) east on Laurel Rd, right at Teton Rd, left at Yosemite Cir., left at Zion Ct. Open daily 10-5. 925-625-8951, www.hawkeyecompanies.com.

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OAKLEY

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80A SPINNAKER COVE - *From the lower one millions.* Grand Opening! 3-4 bedrooms, from approx. 3,032-4,000 sf. Waterfront living w/private docks and expanded 4-car gar. 4100 Sandmound Blvd. Models open Fri.-Mon. 10-5. www.hawkeyecompanies.com.

81 TEAL COVE AT CYPRESS GROVE - *From the mid $600,000s.* 1- and 2-story homes with 1,823 to 3,635 sf. Nine floor plans offer 3-6 bed/2.5-4 ba and 2- to 3-car garages. Located in the heart of the Delta. 925-679-8902 or visit www.kbhome.com

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83 PHEASANT MEADOWS - *From the upper $500,000s.* 4 plans from 2,302-4,065 sf, with up to 7 bed/5.5 ba. Includes gourmet kitchens, luxurious master bedroom suites. Between Carpenter Rd and Ohara Ave. www.discoverybuilders.com, 925-679-1280.

CORTINA AT LIVE OAK RANCH - *From upper $500,000's.* Now Selling! 4-7 bed/3-5 ba, approx. 2,183-3,760 sf. Close to great schools, commuter routes, & Delta recreation. Open Sat-Thurs 11-5 Fr. 2-5. 925-625-6415. www.StandardPacificHomes.com.

PETALUMA

84 SOUTHGATE - *Muirwood from the high $600,000's. Turnberry from the high $700,000's.* Two distinct neighborhoods, one great community - 8 model homes to tour. Open daily 11-6. Frates Rd at Lakeville Hwy. 707-769-9213. www.southgatepetaluma.com.

PINOLE

84A SERITA - *From $600,000s.* Open early October! DeNova presents single family homes situated near the bay waters. 2 plans from 1,669-1,780 sf., these homes have an array of distinct architectural elements. 510-724-3028 www.denovahomes.com.

PITTSBURG

85 VALENCIA AT SAN MARCO - *From the mid $700,000s.* From 2,303 to 3,836 sf featuring 3-7 bed/up to 4 ba. Close proximity to North Concord BART, Bay Point BART and Hwy 4. 925-261-0750 valenciamodels@comcast.net www.discoverybuilders.com

86 HIGHLANDS RANCH - *From the low $600,000s.* Bay Area's Best Buy. Single family homes with plans ranging in size between 1,734 & 4,300 sf, features 3-6 bed/2-3 car garages w/plenty of options. 925-434-9070 www.seenohomes.com

87 LAKEVIEW CONDOMINIUMS - *From the low $200,000s.* 1-3 bed/1-2 ba. Close to BART. Granite counters, garages, full appliance package including washer/dryer. Open Mon-Fri 10-5, weekends 11-5. 925-252-9330. www.CondosPittsburg.com.

88 STANFORD PLACE - *From the mid $500,000s.* Less than one mile from Hwy 4 & near Pittsburg BART. Two-story single family homes with 1,786 to 2,193 sf. Three floor plans offer 3 to 5 bed/2.5 to 3 ba. 925-252-9019, visit www.kbhome.com.

88A MARINER WALK - Coming Soon. 1,685-1,967 sf, up to 4 bed/2.5 ba. Maintained front yards, beautiful parks nearby. Walk to downtown, BART and marina! Herb White Way and 8th St. Join the interest list. 800-944-OLSON or www.OlsonHomes.

PLEASANTON

89 MARIPOSA RANCH GOLF COURSE LOTS - *From the mid $800,000s.* Only 24 home sites left. Open Fri-Sun 12-5. Exit 680 at Sunol/Castlewood. Go west-around corner-to Happy Valley Rd, then 1 mile 925-426-3847. www.visitmariposaranch.com

90 PHEASANT RIDGE - *From the high $1,000,000s.* These 1 & 2-story, 5-6 bed and 4-6 ba luxury residences feature up to 5,326 sf. Take I680 to Bernal Ave west, left on West Lagoon Rd. Open 10-5 daily. 925-931-9898, www.greenbriarhomes.com.

91 CHATEAU COUNTRY ESTATES - *From the high $1,000,000s.* 30 quality-crafted luxury homes feature up to 5 bed/5.5 ba, from 3,800-4,900 sf on sites up to 24,000 sf. Open daily from 10-5. For more information call 925-600-8288 or visit greenbriarhomes.com

93 IRONWOOD - *From the low $1,000,000s.* Parkside living w/ cabana swim center & near Iron Horse Trail. 2 communities offer 1- & 2-story homes, 4 to 6 bed/up to 5 ba, up to 4,000 sf. Open daily 11-5, Monday 2 to 5. 925-462-2100, www.ponderosahomes.com.

RICHMOND

94 AUGUSTA AT COUNTRY CLUB VISTA - *From the mid $800,000's.* 4-6 bed, up to 3,600 sf. New lower prices with up to 75K bonus package! SCS Development Company. Open daily 10:30-6 510-669-0473. www.scsdevelopment.com.

94A SUMMER LANE - *From the high $400,000s.* Richmond Hilltop. Luxurious duets and townhomes ranging from 1,554-2,103 sf, 3-4 bed/2.5-3.5 ba, 2-car garages, walking distance to Hilltop Mall and convenient. www.drhorton.com 888-560-1110 or 510-669-0567

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98A MARINA BAY - *From the high $200,000s.* 1 & 2-bed condominium homes. Private patio or balcony. Gated com with tennis, pools, fitness center & more. Open daily 10-6. 866-264-0650. www.HomesAtMarinaBay.com Sales by Pacific Marketing

98B THE SHORES AT MARINA BAY - *From the high $200,000s.* 6 floor plans w/1 & 2-bed condos w/private balcony or patio. 2 pools, fitness center & more. Close to marina. Open 10-6. 866-264-0650. www.HomesAtMarinaBay.com. Sales by Pacific Marketing.

99 THE POINT AT POINT RICHMOND - *From $485,000.* 2 bed/2 ba apts w/balcony & views over SF bay. High tech appliances, gourmet kits & spa style bathrooms. Open Tues & Fri 11-4, Wed & Thurs 1-7, Sat & Sun 1-5. 510-529-0550. www.thepointliving.com.

99A THE COVE AT MARINA BAY - *From the high $200,000s.* 1&2 bed plan condominium homes incl. granite counters, large closets, fireplaces. Many community amenities. Open 10-6. 866-264-0650. www.HomesAtMarinaBay.com Sales by Pacific Marketing

RIO VISTA

100 TRILOGY AT RIO VISTA - *From the low $300,000s.* 8 models, 13 floor plans, 1,153 to 2,541 sf. Outdoor pools, indoor track, conf. center, fitness facility, Rio Vista golf course. Open daily 9-5, Fri 11-5 888-257-0229. TrilogyLife.com/resort17

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101 CLAREMONT TERRACE - *From the upper $600,000's.* Now Selling. Views of the S F Bay & East Bay Hills. Outside finds Frank Lloyd Wright inspired architecture & gated entrance & parking gar. Open daily 11-5 510-985-0326 or visit claremontterracehomes.com

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102 SIERRA CREST - Grand Opening! Lux 1- & 2-bed homes available downtown, from high $200,000s. Lodge-like setting w/2 clubhouses, fitness centers, pool & spa. www.sierracrestvillas.com, 1-866-924-3200. Open daily 10-6 at 610 Teatree Ct

SAN RAMON

103 NORRIS CANYON ESTATES - *From the upper $1,000,000s.* Gated community features 2-story foyers, gourmet kitchens, master bed suites, family rooms, dens and lower-level bonus rooms. Floor plans up to 6,600 sf. Open daily 11-6. 925-743-1000. Toll Brothers

104 CRESTVIEW - *Luxury attached homes from just the $300,000s* Grand Opening. Spacious 1- and 2- bed plan includes resort-like amenities. Championship golf, pools, spas and tennis courts. 235 Eastridge Dr. 925-968-1360 www.crestviewcanyonelakes.com

105 GALE RANCH - *From mid $600,000's to mid $1,000,000's.* Veranda 925-964-9435, Gallery 925-967-0013, The Pointe 925-735-1517, Terravista 925-964-9239, Wisteria 925-964-9519, Rose Garden 925-968-1532, Belvedere 925-964-9431. www.shapell.com

106 COPPER RIDGE - 1- and 2-bed condos and townhomes in a gated community with a resort lifestyle and valley views. Each home includes a private garage. Represented by Pacific Marketing Assoc 145 Copper Ridge Rd., 925-735-1528 www.CopperRidgeCA.com

106A SIENA HILLS - *From the mid $300,000s.* 1 bed/1 ba, 2 bed/ 2 ba, condos. Overlooking Canyon Lakes Golf Course. Private gated community. Sun deck and patios, clubhouse, pools, fitness center. No Mello-Roos. 925-968-1252. www.sienahills.com

106B SOUTHRIDGE AT SIENA HILLS - *From the mid $300,000s.* 1 bed/1 ba, 2 bed/2 ba condos. Private gated community. Sun deck and patios, clubhouse, pools, fitness center. No Mello-Roos. 925-968-9366 www.southridgeatsienahills.com

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114 REDBRIDGE - *From the mid $500,000s.* Models Open. Cottages features 2 plans appx 1,945-2,226 sf 3-4 bed/2.5 ba. Village features 3 plans appx 2,388-3,308 sf, 4-5 bed/2-3.5 ba. Open Sat -Thurs., 11-5, Fri 2-5 www.visit-redbridge.com

115 OXFORD SQUARE - *From the mid $400,000s.* Models Open Now Selling! 3-4 bed 2.5-3.5 ba homes approx 1,703-2,238 sf with unique architecture unlike any other Tracy community. Open Sat-Thurs 11-5, Fri 2-5, 209-834-8723. www.Visit OxfordSquare.com

UNION CITY

116 PACIFIC TERRACE - Coming Soon! Townhomes located 30 miles southeast of San Francisco & 20 miles north of San Jose. Easy access to I-880 & I-680. Call 888-KB-HOMES or visit kbhome.com to join the interest list

VACAVILLE

117 MEADOWOOD - *From the upper $700,000s.* Opening mid October. Single family homes offers 4 plans ranging from approx 2,836-4,220 sf, lot sizes up to approx 10,000 sf, your family will have room to spread out. www.denovahomes.com.

120 CHEYENNE AT BROWN'S VALLEY - *From the mid $700,000s.* Luxury single-family homes. 8 floor plans range in size from 2,775-4,312 sf with 3-5 bed and 3-4.5 ba and up to 4-car garages. www.drhorton.com. 707-455-7128 or 888-560-1110.

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121 THE HIGHLANDS AT GARTHE RANCH - *From mid $600,000's.* 3-5 BR, homes to 2,492 sf. Lovely hillside location in Vallejo. Great commute destination. Open M-F 10-5, weekends 10-6. 707-557-4135. www.meredithhousing.com.

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123 MARE ISLAND, KIRKLAND ISLE II - *From low $600,000s.* 3-4 bed single-family (approx 2,600- 3,200 sf) & The Nautilus Col by John Laing Homes – 3-4 bed condos (approx 1,676-2,208 sf) Open Tues -Sun., 10-6 707-558-9191 www.DiscoverMareIsland.com.

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127 CITYOAKS CONDOMINIUMS - *From the high $300,000s.* 1-2 bed/1-2 ba. Granite counters, garages, full appliance package including washer and dryer. Close to BART. Open daily 11-6. 925-287-9720 www.CityOaksCondos.com

128 MERCER - *From the $550,000s.* Lux condo homes with fitness center, pool, courtyard, attended lobby. Near shopping, dining & entertainment. Walk to BART, near all major hwys. 1-3 bed/1.5-2.5 ba. Daily 11-6. 925-988-0400. www.MercerWalnutCreek.com.

129 CLUB VILLAS - *From the mid $300,000's.* 1- & 2-bed homes. Recreational opportunities abound with tennis, swimming, golf and a fitness center. Club villas...a tranquil oasis in the middle of it all. Visit Club villas at 245 Masters Ct. 866-624-5714. www.Club Villas.info.

130 KINROSS TERRACE - *From $995,000 to mid-$1,000,000's.* Only 6 homes remain. Fabulous 3-5 bed homes in great location close to downtown and I-680 on private, cul-de-sac lots. Open weekends 11-6 925-941-0003 www.delcobuilders.com.

The all-new Explorer Sport Trac inherits great character

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The all-new 2007 Explorer Sport Trac is one handsome looking truck. And no wonder — its genetics are the most desirable.

The design of the new Sport Trac is derived from the best-selling trucks on the market. The Ford F-150 and Explorer are the inspiration of the 2007 offspring. Ford's pickup and sport utility vehicle were a natural crossover combination in producing something new in the ever-evolving utility vehicle market segment. The Sport Trac offers the comfort and convenience of a five-passenger SUV and the functionality and utility of a capable pickup truck.

The utility truck is not just the Explorer and F-150 slapped together; rather it is well distinguished with balanced proportions that make it aesthetically pleasing.

Exterior styling cues include a chrome-finished grille, powerdome hood and pronounced wheel arches. The 4.5-foot cargo box has an available tubular cage that works as a cargo divider and a bed extender. The sport-designed interior includes heavy-duty rubber floor coverings for easy cleaning, and thanks to countless noise-vibration-harshness improvements, is one of the quietest trucks available on the market.

The standard engine on the new Sport Trac is the 4.0-liter V6, which produces 210 horsepower at 5,100 rpm and 254 pounds-foot of torque at 3,700 rpm. The engine is mated to a five-speed automatic transmission and fuel economy ratings are 15 miles per gallon city, 21 mpg highway. For the first time ever, the Sport Trac now offers a V8 engine. Ford executives say customers have been asking for a V8 engine since day one because they want the additional performance that a V8 offers, as well as the added towing capabilities.

My tester featured this new V8 offering. In addition to the sure-footed power, I was particularly impressed with the road manners and low noise levels. These are big areas Ford engineers worked on for the all-new 2007 Explorer Sport Trac.

The 24-valve, 4.6-liter V8 engine is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission and generates 292 horsepower at 5,750 rpm and hefty 300 pounds-foot of torque at just 3,950 rpm. Fuel economy numbers are 14 mpg city and 20 mpg highway. The V8-equipped Sport Trac has a maximum trailering rating of 6,800 pounds and a payload capacity of 1,380 pounds.

The V8 tester, with a four-wheel drive configuration, had a base price of $29,540. The optional luxury and convenience features brought the as-test price up to $34,325. The well-equipped 2007 Sport Trac is no ordinary truck; it borders on the category of luxury utility vehicle. Optional amenities that are available on this Ford truck include two-tone leather bucket seats, Sirius satellite radio, 10-way power adjustable driver's seat, moonroof, steering wheel-mounted audio and climate controls, dual-zone climate system, as well as adjustable brake and gas pedals and even a heated windshield with imperceptible micro-wires embedded in the glass.

The Sport Trac's 4WD system is managed by Ford's Control Trac four-wheel drive program. With the Control Trac settings, the driver selects from three driving modes: 4x4 Automatic, 4x4 High or 4x4 Low. Each setting has a specific road use, allowing the vehicle to operate most efficiently. Automatic mode is for everyday driving, while High is intended only for snow or ice and Low is for off-roading.

The 2007 Sport Trac offers a comprehensive safety package, such as roll stability control, side curtain airbags and side-impact airbags for front row occupants.



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Carmakers take their shows on the

BY HERB SHULDINER
MOTOR MATTERS

DOWN THE ROAD

Getting buyers to test car products is a tough thing for automakers to accomplish. But in an attempt to increase consumer familiarity with its products, Chrysler's "Inspired Drives" tour rolls out an auto show on wheels that cruises the country from coast to coast. The company even sets up test tracks for drivers to test its latest vehicles.

Chrysler's auto show consists of trailers that contain engine displays and other inside looks at their vehicles. Features like the Electronic Stability Program and MyGIG Multi-Media Infotainment System with interactive displays are also shown. Chrysler's unique Stow 'n Go storage system, engine choices and the history of Chrysler design are other attractions.

But there's more to do than look. There are 10 to 15 vehicles on display and 20 to 25 of the latest Chrysler models for ride and drive testing so you can experience the vehicles from behind the wheel. Chrysler is especially promoting its all-new 2007 Aspen and Sebring. Not long ago, some 3,500 test drives were racked up at the three-day All Chrysler Nationals in Carlisle, Pa.

Jeff Hartley, chief of the mobile marketing tour, says there's also a 45-foot long observation deck on top of the trailer. The deck is 20 feet high to provide excellent viewing of PGA golf tournaments, as well as county fairs. At some stops, local radio stations perform live remotes from the deck.

In addition, the Inspired Drives tour not only supplies in-depth vehicle information, but also conducts golf classes and cigar rolling seminars accompanied by live music. The tour has already visited Kent, Wash.; Santa Rosa, Calif.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Hamburg, N.Y. Chrysler has scheduled additional events at the Colorado Balloon Classic in Colorado Springs; Hampton Bay Days in Hampton, Va., Octoberfest Zinzinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Seafood Festival in Pensacola, Fla. Other locations for the tour will be announced soon and can be found at www.chrysler.com.

No high-pressure sales tactics are used at the events. The Chrysler employees who put on the auto shows on wheels are not sales persons. However, if consumers desire, they can leave their e-mail addresses. These are passed on to local dealers who provide perfodic updates on Chrysler's products.

Chrysler also actively courts golf enthusiasts at PGA events. The company also is involved in about 750 local amateur golf tournaments. Chrysler's club championships for amateur golfers take part in a national competition. Eventually, the top male and female championships will be selected and invited to play in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in Palm Springs, Calif., in January.

Chrysler expects 80,000 people to participate in the golf competition this year. Next year it expects to double the amount of participants in the tournaments. If you're not a golfer, don't fret. The company is also planning to visit USTA tennis event... show on wheels... state fairs

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Low-profile tires disguise a rubber-band weakness

BY RALPH VARTABEDIAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

More and more motorists seem to be driving around in cars sitting atop what look like rubber bands: low-profile tires on giant alloy wheels.

Those "rubber bands" are actually high performance or touring tires, and they're wildly popular among consumers who like a sporty look.

But like an injury-prone star athlete, the buff body disguises some weaknesses.

Engineers and safety experts say low aspect ratio tires — which have shorter sidewalls — are more vulnerable to road hazards, such as potholes and other obstructions that can test a tire's ability to flex at high speed, than their standard counterparts.

Officials from Goodyear, Michelin and Bridgestone — the three largest tire makers — all acknowledged in interviews that their low aspect ratio tires are more likely to be damaged by impacts in normal driving.

"They are more susceptible to pothole damage," said Bill VandeWater, Bridgestone's consumer tire products manager, in Nashville, Tenn. "They don't have as much give before the tread contacts the rim. There isn't as much deflection capability as a taller tire."

What can you do about it? Advice from manufacturers can be kind of silly. Take, for example, Volkswagen's suggestion.

"Avoid driving on roads with potholes, deep gouges or ridges," it tells owners of cars equipped with these tires.

In other words, keep the car in the garage.

Nonetheless, consumers like the look. At Michelin, 20 percent of the tires it sells are high performance, and that figure is growing by about 10 percent annually, while sales of the standard "mass market tires" for cars are shrinking, said Lynn Mann, director of public relations for the tire maker.

Although consumers like the low-profile tires, safety experts are dubious about their practicality.

"My observation, other than styling, is why have them?" asks Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety in Washington. "My advice to consumers is don't buy them."

Perhaps. But many don't have a choice. Manufacturers are offering autos with wheel wells designed to fit only a low aspect ratio tire, especially luxury cars with a sporty image.

Purchasing tires has always been a mystery to many motorists. When you buy a tire, there are three keys to its size: tread width, rim size and aspect ratio.

For example, a 205-65-15 tire has a 205 mm tread width and fits on a 15-inch rim. The 65 is the aspect ratio, a measure of a tire's profile. It is measured by taking the diameter of the tire, subtracting the diameter of the rim and then dividing by the width, then converting the diameter size from inches to centimeters and dividing by two. The actual ratio in this example is 0.65, but typically described as 65.

To put it simply, the lower the aspect ratio, the shorter the tire. At one time, most tires had ratios of about 70 and rim sizes of 13 to 15 inches. Then, aspect ratios began to drop and wheel rim sizes began to grow.

Now there are rim sizes up to 24 inches and aspect ratios down to 25.

"It almost does look like a rubber band around the wheel," VandeWater said.

What's the point of this madness, other than sexy appearance? Ultra high performance tires almost always have low aspect ratios. These tires have speed ratings up to 186 mph, super soft rubber that grips the road and construction that gives positive steering.

"It is meant for those people who see the freeway exit sign that says 40 mph, and they get that gleam in their eye and think: I bet I can do it at 80 mph," VandeWater said.

On their highway to heaven, however, these drivers are finding they have to change tires every 20,000 miles. And the ultra high performance tires are like ice skates on cold road surfaces, plus they cost a fortune to replace.

To get the same cool look but greater durability, manufacturers offer what they call "touring tires." They have the low aspect ratios, but harder rubber that lasts longer. They also have a little more forgiving ride that doesn't report every pebble on the roadway.

Unfortunately, all low aspect ratio tires, both ultra performance and touring, are vulnerable to road hazards. And they are more vulnerable to under-inflation, many experts say.

"The lower aspect ratio makes it more sensitive to low inflation," said Max Nonnamaker, a tire expert and former chief engineer for a tire maker. "When the tire is taller or higher, you can lose more air. Any drop in pressure is more critical, because there is a shorter sidewall and you generate more heat."

An under-inflated tire flexes more as it goes down the road, generating more heat in the sidewall, which eventually can cause internal damage. Thus, keeping an eye on inflation is critical.

Tire inflation is always a controversial subject. Every tire has embossed on its side a maximum inflation rating. That's different than the car manufacturer's recommended inflation, which is always less.

Nonnamaker believes that tire manufacturers should be required to also list a minimum inflation rating, below which tire damage occurs. But no tire maker wants to list such a rating. They could certainly do so voluntarily.

VandeWater said he believes that damage can occur if inflation drops 5 pounds below the level recommended by the carmaker. Typically, recommended inflation is 32 pounds, so you would be causing damage at 27 pounds. It is a tiny margin that very few consumers appreciate.

According to the National Highway Transportation Administration, 25 percent of all cars on the road today have at least one tire whose air pressure is more than eight pounds under factory specification. Underinflated tires can overheat, and are a serious safety hazard. Check the air pressure in your tires at least once a month.

AFTER AN ACCIDENT

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Shorter days, longer nights and nasty wintry weather all mean that car drivers have to be even more cautious and aware while they're on the road at this time of year.

Unfortunately, accidents do happen. It's worthwhile for all drivers to know what to do in such a situation. In fact, because we're not always thinking so clearly right after an accident, it's a good idea to print out a list of to-do's and save it in your car with your auto insurance information.

Here's what to do in such a situation. Following these tips will make the auto insurance claims process go more smoothly and help get you back on the road faster. (You may even want to print these tips and keep them in your glove compartment should you ever need them.)

■ Make sure everyone's okay. If anyone's injured, immediately call medical help to the scene. (If your injuries are minor, you may still want to have them checked out at a hospital or with your family doctor. Sometimes injuries that appear minor are really more serious.)

■ Try to remain calm.

■ Do not admit fault to anyone.

■ Seek police involvement. Police officers are trained to handle traffic accidents. They will also determine who's at fault.

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Two years ago, when the average price of regular unleaded was still below $2 a gallon, fuel efficiency ranked 19th among 34 attributes customers favored when buying a new car, according to Toyota. Today, with the national average above $3 a gallon, fuel economy ranks as a top-three concern, along with safety and quality, said Tom Watson, Ford's manager of hybrid propulsion systems.

Two years ago, Ford was unveiling its first hybrid SUV. Today, with crude oil trading at $74 a barrel instead of $44 like it cost two years ago, Ford has sold more than 32,000 of them, Watson said.

In addition to a new focus on hybrids, automakers are moving quickly to embrace greater use of ethanol to help reduce oil consumption and are exploring other technologies, from hydrogen and fuel cells to plug-in hybrid vehicles.

David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, sponsor of the annual Management Briefing Seminars conference, said the quest to improve fuel efficiency and use less oil has spread from just talk of alternative powertrains to a broader look at alternative fuels.

"There are so many forces of change," he said. "We see that every day, whether there's a problem in a pipeline somewhere, the threat of terrorism, new technologies being developed and the policies of where we should drill and where we should not drill (for oil)."

Here are some developments

Teaming up to catch up: General Motors, DaimlerChrysler and BMW are collaborating at a hybrid development center in Troy, Mich., that houses 500 engineers from all three corporations working to develop a two-mode hybrid system that the companies believe will be superior in performance to those on the road today.

The two-mode system differs from hybrids on the road today in that it has two electric motors and more clutches, rather than one large, heavy electric motor.

GM is offering a simpler hybrid system on the Saturn Vue Green Line hybrid sport utility vehicle that goes on sale soon. Costing $2,000 more than a typical Saturn Vue, the hybrid version gets 27 miles to the gallon on the highway, 32 in the city.

The first SUV to harness the two-mode hybrid system being joint-developed by the three car manufacturers will come in the largest sport utility vehicles sold by General Motors. The SUVs are expected to debut in late 2007 on the GMC Yukon and Chevrolet Tahoe.

They'll boast a 25 percent improvement in fuel efficiency over the models on sale today, said Larry Nitz, executive director of powertrain engineering at General Motors. That gain in fuel economy comes in part from the SUV's active fuel-management system, which enables half of the truck's eight cylinders to be deactivated. The two-mode system enables the truck to operate more efficiently at highway speeds than existing hybrid versions, Nitz said.

It's still unclear how much more customers will have to pay for the new two-mode hybrid system, but it will certainly be higher than the $2,000 premium now charged for the more basic hybrid system, such as that being used on the Saturn Vue, Nitz said.

DaimlerChrysler will sell its Dodge Durango with the jointly developed hybrid system in 2008, said Andreas Truckenbrodt, executive director of hybrid programs. BMW, meanwhile, hasn't decided which of its three brands — BMW, Rolls Royce and Mini — will get hybrid technology first, said Rainer Rump, general manager of cooperation management for BMW Group.

Still the leader

Toyota has the market leadership in hybrids, accounting for 350,000 of the 500,000 hybrid vehicles that have been sold in the United States since the technology debuted at the turn of the century.

Toyota plans to sell 1 million hybrids per year by early in the next decade, said Dave Hermance, Toyota executive engineer for advanced technology vehicles. That would translate to about 600,000 per year in the United States.

Better batteries sought

Challenges remain in bringing down the extra cost associated with hybrid technology, and a major company hopes it can help provide that solution.

The most important change needed to bring down the cost difference will be less expensive batteries that are durable and last the life of the vehicle, Truckenbrodt said.

At its battery technology center in Glendale, Wis., Johnson Controls Inc. last fall opened a hybrid battery development laboratory where research is taking place to develop a lithium-ion battery — the kind of battery used in cell phones and laptop computers — for hybrid-electric vehicles.

Embracing ethanol

The automotive industry is stepping up its commitment to building flexible-fuel vehicles, those that can run on either gasoline or E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol with gasoline.

DaimlerChrysler said last week that it plans to participate in the "Live Green, Go Yellow" marketing campaign that General Motors launched this year. The campaign features yellow gas tank caps on equipped vehicles.

A challenge remains the small number of filling stations able to pump E85. There are now 700, up 100 from a year ago, but that represents just 0.4 percent of all gasoline stations across the country, Ford's Watson said.

For its part, Ford plans to sell 250,000 flexible-fuel vehicles per year and is actively researching a flexible-fuel ethanol vehicle, Watson said. It unveiled a concept vehicle of an ethanol hybrid Escape earlier this year.

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study covers just 2006 now, some 2007 mod- would make the list, e new Saturn Vue hybrid SUV and the new minicars from Japan: the Nissan Versa, Honda Fit and Toyota Yaris.

Also surprising is that 15 of the 37 automotive brands on sale in the United States are represented in the study, which shows — to me, at least — that automakers are doing a good job when it comes to offering environmentally friendly vehicles to American consumers.

To create the list of the top 30 green cars, the Alternative Powertrain Study "combines U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publicly available information with voice-of-the-customer data related to fuel economy, air pollution and greenhouse gases for 2006 model-year vehicles."

"Voice-of-the-customer data is also used to help determine the relative importance of these environmental factors," Power said. "The fuel economy factor represents approximately 50 percent of the index, while air pollution and greenhouse gases contribute to the remainder."

Fuel economy ranks most important because the less fuel a vehicle burns, the more environmentally friendly it is.

The top 30 list shows that consumers really don't have to pay the extra money for a hybrid just to get a car with good fuel economy and an environmentally friendly nature.

The greenest vehicle on the list is the 2006 Honda Insight, but it's also the one with the least consumer appeal. The Insight has the best fuel-economy ratings of any four-wheel vehicle on the market, up to 70 miles per gallon, but it's quite odd-looking, and it seats only two people.

In the sport utility ranks, all of the models on the market for 2006 are good buys in their respective segments. But the most affordable is the Ford Escape, which carries a premium of about $2,000 over the price of a similarly equipped gasoline-only Escape, yet it gets about 25 percent better mileage.

You can buy one for about $26,000, then get a tax credit from the federal government of up to $2,600 to help offset the cost.

Better buys overall, though, would be the non-hybrid cars on the top 30 list, all of which have fuel-economy ratings in the mid- to upper-30s. And they're not boring, sardine-can econoboxes, either. In fact, many are quite roomy, and some are really a blast to drive.

In the fun category are models such as the Mazda 3 and MX-5. The Mazda 3 is a compact sport sedan that runs from $14,000 to just under $20,000 and is way more fun to drive than a car in this class and price range ought to be.

The MX-5, of course, is a two-seat convertible sports car that's not quite as practical as the five-passenger Mazda 3, but it's great on gas and one of the more appealing cars on the market.

The Acura RSX also is great fun, and with a starting price of just under $21,000 for this premium brand, it's also quite a bargain.

Roomy, affordable and practical, and even somewhat fun to drive, are compact sedans such as the compact Chevrolet Cobalt, Hyundai Elantra, Nissan Sentra, Toyota Corolla, Saturn Ion, Ford Focus, Kia Spectra, Honda Civic and Volkswagen Jetta.

These are roomy enough for a small family and have starting price tags well below $20,000. Some of them also are available in hatchback models.

Fun and affordable small hatchbacks on the list are the Volkswagen Golf and New Beetle (one of my favorites), and the Scion xA.

The only midsize sedan on the list is the 2006 Toyota Camry, which, by the way, also is the nation's best-selling car and has been every year but one since 1997. The Camry has been completely redesigned for 2007, but its "green" qualities continue.

The four-cylinder Camry is the model on the top 30 list, not the V6. The Camry hybrid model did not appear on the list because it is a 2007 model.

Power noted in its announcement that hybrid SUVs were the only truck models among the top 30 and that only two luxury-brand models — the RX400h and RSX — made the list.

Read more about the green-car rankings and the Power study at www.jdpower.com.

Major automakers to expand the hybrid car and truck market

BY HERB SHULDINER
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DOWN THE ROAD

Honda and Toyota have reaped huge rewards for being first on the market with hybrids. Not only are sales of their hybrid vehicles skyrocketing, but the companies are also scoring huge public relations benefits for selling "green" vehicles.

Hybrid vehicles operate both on gasoline internal combustion engines and electric motors. The gasoline engine acts as a generator to recharge the battery packs in hybrids and also to drive the vehicle at higher speeds.

Sales of hybrid vehicles are 26.4 percent ahead of last year, but hybrids account for a mere one percent of the more than 16 million vehicles sold in the U.S. annually. But the hybrid segment is going to grow dramatically as American and European carmakers rush to develop competitive hybrids.

Ford already sells the Escape and Mercury Mariner hybrids. It is planning to introduce the Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan hybrids in 2008. Next year Ford's Japanese subsidiary, Mazda, will introduce a hybrid Tribute.

GM now offers hybrid versions of the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks. Starting next year GM plans to introduce its next-generation hybrid system in the Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon. A Cadillac Escalade full-size sport utility vehicle and Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra full-size crew cab pickups with the new hybrid system will debut in 2008.

Chrysler has scheduled introduction of a hybrid Durango SUV in 2008. Like the new GM hybrids, the Durango will use a new generation of two-mode hybrid engineering that was developed in a joint venture with BMW and DaimlerChrysler.

Mercedes and BMW have not yet announced what models they will offer with the two-mode system, but German magazines report that Mercedes will introduce a hybrid S-Class in 2008. BMW will probably introduce at least one two-mode hybrid in the 2008-2009 time frame, according to some speculative reports.

The two-mode system hybrids have electric motors with low- and high-speed electric continuously variable transmissions. However, the transmission also incorporates four fixed gear ratios that give hybrids more efficiency and power-handling capabilities. This actually gives two-mode hybrids six operating modes.

Mode 1 is a CVT operation that takes effect from vehicle launch through second fixed gear ratio. CVT is mode 2 and operates after the second fixed gear ratio. Mode 3 is the first fixed-gear ratio with both electric motors available to boost the internal combustion engine.

The fourth, fifth and sixth modes are fixed-gear ratios with one or two electric motors for boost and recapturing and storing energy from regenerative braking. These modes offer improved fuel economy, performance and load-carrying capability. What's more, the system's size is similar to a conventional automatic transmission.

An electronic control unit optimizes the system to provide the best power level demanded by the driver. Unlike other hybrid systems that have only one torque-splitting system and no fixed mechanical ratios, the two-mode system uses smaller electric motors to save weight and ease packaging under the hood.

Its characteristics allow the two-mode system to be used in a broad range of vehicles, including those with big engines for towing, hill climbing or heavy-load capability. The two-mode hybrid system can also accommodate most existing internal combustion engines and can be used in front-engine, rear- and four-wheel-drive vehicles. Its flexibility will also allow it be used in front-engine, front-wheel-drive vehicles in future years.

It will take some time for GM, DaimlerChrysler and BMW to catch up to Toyota and Honda in hybrid sales. Toyota has sold 351,000 hybrids at this writing. Jim Press, Toyota's top U.S. executive, says the company plans to offer hybrids as options across its full car, SUV and truck lines.

"We're working hard to bring down hybrid premiums significantly by reducing the size of components by 75 percent and costs by half," Press says. Toyota is also working on a plug-in hybrid that can be recharged with household current and be driven for greater distances without using the gasoline engine.

Honda has sold 137,452 hybrids since it introduced the Insight in December 1999. Hybrid Civic and Accord models are offered now. A Honda spokesman also says the company will introduce an all-new Civic hybrid in 2009 that will be less expensive than the current model.



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The chassis is stainless steel, the roll cage is chrome-moly that meets Sports Car Club of America racing standards for safety, the body panels are carbon fiber, Kevlar and fiberglass and the side-impact bars provide four times the protection found in typical SUVs. It's low center-of-gravity results in a rollover threshold equivalent to a five-start National Highway Traffic Safety Administration rating found in the lowest-slung cars.

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Condos & Townhouses for Sale

ALAMO Sun 1-4pm 3BD/2½BA $764,900 1372 Danville Blvd. Agt. Jo Anne Christie 925-698-9044 Perchak Properties

ALAMO Village 1396 Danville Blvd, 209 2bd, 2ba, 1296 sq.ft. OPEN HOUSE Sept. 10 1-4 $620,000.00, 925-699-1601 www. c l i c k o p i x . com/home2/176a8t

ANTIOCH 2BD/2BA. Pvt. bkyd. $335K. Agt Aaron. 510-886-0113.

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CONCORD SHARP,2/ 1.5ba,Gar, Border W/Crk, Dtwn Phill, nr.Fwy/BART $325k 925-570-1662

DANVILLE Beautiful remod. 3BD/2BA townhome $729,950. Better Homes Realty. Agt John 925-997-4222

DUBLIN BEAUTY 3BD 2BA, End unit, 1215 sf 1 car gar, Indoor lndry FP, AC, pool. $499K Agent 408.506.0709

HERCULES - Gorgeous 2BD/1½BA, in grt loc. 9014 Forest Run $350K Agt. 510-681-6429

MARTINEZ 2bd, 2ba, $380K, Seller Motiv- ated, Home Realty, call Carlito/Agent 925-262-1048

MORAGA big 2bd 2ba, $389,000 Agt. 510-410-5000

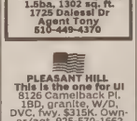
OAKLAND- 1BD/1BA 260 Caldecott Ln. # 226 Open Sun 1-4pm Agt $385,000 510-336-9999

OAKLAND 1bd condo, across st. from Lake Merrit, sell ASAP $338K 510-451-4769

OAKLAND 2bd/1ba Adams Pt, Will co-brk, $373K agt 510.379.5574



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Duplexes for Sale

OAKLAND: $550,000. 5 units: (1)-2BD & (4)-1BD units. 5000sf. lot. 1 blk from high - land Hosp. 3084 22nd Ave. Call Ags. Matt Dameron 618-5253

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KNIGHTSEN 10 Acs. A2 old barn, well, power, telephone ¼ mi. rd. frontage. 925-625-2687

KNIGHTSEN-3BD/2BA, Cust. Hm on 1ac. $849. Must Sell. Sat. 12-3. Agent. 925-216-6317

Contra Costa County

BAY Point 2bd, 1ba. 101 Loftus Rd Open Sunday 1-4pm. $388,000.00,Agt 510-701-9966

SAN Pablo OPEN HOUSE-1230 Amador St. $579K 4bd, 2ba. MUST SEE! Call Collin 510-417-0212

Contra Costa County

OPEN HOUSE

BAY Point Completely renovated 3bd, 2ba, $450,000.00, Owner financing available 415-454-8096

"OLD Martines" 3bd, 2ba, $40,000.00, 925 837-0871

Mountain & Vacation Property

ARNOLD In the Sierra 3bd, 2ba, New Chalet $498,500.00, Agent 209-768-8629 Toby tobydan.com

NEW LISTING! $429K One acre mountain- estate, 2 story, 3bd w/master retreat, 2000+sf home w/500sf all-weather covered decking, 2 car gar., custom cabinets, pel - let stove + central heat & air. Grizzly Flats 4000' elev. The Piedmont Co. 916-933-6401

Alameda

$698,000, 1269 CLARKE LANE., Bay Farm, 3bd 2.5ba Open Sat-Sun 1-4. Kroll Rlty., Oliver 510-760-4384

WATERFRONT $1.325M. 123 Oldcastle. 5bd/ 3ba. Open Su. 9/24, 1- 4pm. Agt 415-927-1963

Antioch

1813 VENDER CT. $440K 3bd/2½ba, Serene set - ting. 510-708-3561

OPEN HOUSE

1 BLOCK FROM Hwy 4 LONE TREE WAY 3bd, 2ba, $480,000.00, 925-383-0691 Open House Sat Sun Call for appoitment

3BD/2BA Remod., tile/ba. new cab., kit lg. yd. reduced $20k $460k agt 925.978.3089

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ALMONDRIDGE 4bd, 2.5ba, $549,900.00, pool,spa, pool table 925-207-9699

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Bay Point

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Berkeley

INDIAN Rock 797 San Diego Road open Sun 2-4:30 Marin to Indi- an Rock left on San Diego 5bd, 4ba, $1,540,000.00. Call Jane Manning 415- 451-1460 Marchant Chapman Realtors 415 451-1460

NEW LISTING: Charm- ing Victorian style home in central Berke - ley on a lg enchanting lot. Form. din/liv. rm. 2BD's have extra high cell. Hardwood firs. Country style eat-in kit. Level rear yd for gardening & play. OPEN Sun. 2-4:30, 1825 Channing Wy. Priced to sell at $565k Agt 510-593-6000

OPEN SUN 1-4:30 2808 Le Conte Ave PRICE REDUCED!!! Classic 1910 Crafts - man's most sought- after neighborhood in Berkeley. 3bd 2ba. Beautiful period de - tails, 2 blocks east of College Ave. shops, restaurants. Min. from BART. $919,950 **Pat Heltmanek RE/MAX CC Connection 925-548-1279**

Blackhawk

3BD/2BA $1,035,000 174 Oakridge Dr. Sun. 1-4 Agt 415-505-3330

Brentwood

2 RANCHES M ust Sell 5+ Acres 136 Walnut 9+ Acres 620 Sellers Agt: 925-550-2328

PRICED TO SELL! 4BD/2½BA. 2355 sq./ft. **660 Birchwood Rd.** $559,950. Alain Pinel Realtors, Agent Jim Carlson, **925-719-1062.**

ROSE Garden Com- munity 4bd, 2.5ba, $599,950.00, 209-321- 8309 www.preg homes.com

Brentwood

SPACIOUS 4BD/3BA. Loc in Quiet Neighbor - hood. Upgraded kitch - en. No Rear Neighbors. **$570K. Heather Green, 925-954-8172**

Clayton

4BD/3BA 2500 sf. Prem- ium lot. Excel. views. $889K. 925-383-6466

Concord

2BD/1BA Remod. Lg. bkyd 2437 Hemlock Av $412K 925-586-3097

3BD 2ba, 2 car, granite upgrades thru-out $609K agt 925.216-8082

3BD/2BA Great Value 1650 sqft. must see! $669,000 925-878-5046

4BD/2½ba, New Carpt/ Paint, Near Schools & shops. $650,000. 1572 American Beauty Dr. Agt. 925-575-1158

4BD/2BD Private Lane! W/C Border. $759,900 1435 David Ave. Agt. Lynn. 925.899.8231

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OPEN 1-4

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Crockett

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3BD/2BA. 1768 sq./ft. **4524 Cove Lane.** $479,950. Alain Pinel Realtors, Agent Jim Carlson, **925-719-1062.**

4BD/3BA. 2706 sq./ft. **216 Sussex Ct.** $699,950. Alain Pinel Realtors, Agent Jim Carlson, **925-719-1062.**

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5BD/4BA. Pool & Spa. 2224 Cambridge Dr. 3022 sq./ft. $763,000. Alain Pinel Realtors, Agent Jim Carlson, **925-719-1062.**

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DEEP WATER! **3BD/2BA.** 2065 sq./ft. **4961 Clipper Dr.** $884,950 Alain Pinel Realtors, Agent Jim Carlson, **925-719-1062.**

Dublin

$615K 7110 Prince Dr. 3bd 2ba, Open Sun 1-4 Prime loc., updated kit. & ba, 2 car gar., lg. level y.d.w/potential, close to all conven- iences, move-in ready. Agt Susie 415.602.6613

El Cerrito

$569K NEW LISTING Spac. 3bd/1.5 ba w/lg. lot. Agt. 925-258-6818

5BD/4BA 4500 sf. Grt. views of SF Bay. Agt. $1.M. 408-224-3300

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3BD/2BA 117 Sweeney Ct. Open Sun. 12-5pm. $875K 510-691-3047

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Hercules

1095 LUPINE RD 4bd 3ba, over 2300sf, + deck. Open 1-4 Sun. Listing Brkr. Sovanna Yorn. 510-875-7718

2BD/2BA 1126 Sqft. Very Motivated seller, Bring all offers Agt. $404,000 415-350-4547

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4BD/2.5BA 2030 Sqft. 2201 Railroad Ave $699k 707.338.2085

Lafayette

3BD+/2BA 1596sf. pool /spa $898,500 Agt. 925-989-7605

New Construction European Style Cust. Hm. High End Finishes Off Withers Av. 4BD/ 3BA/3 Gar. $1.995M Agt. 925.285.1466

RECENTLY REDUCED 3bd/1.5ba. $894,950. Agent, 510-928-5579

Livermore

5BD BEAUTY, MUST SELL! 1542 Peridot Agt. 925-550-2383

BUYERS DELIGHT 3BD/2BA, dual pane windows, Lndry in gar. Over 5K sf. yd $505,000 Broker. 925-447-2323

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OPEN SUN 12-4 Beautiful 5bd 3ba. **MUST SELL** this month 1542 Peridot, $724,000 Agt. 925-672-7323

Martinez

3BD HM. Move-in cond., w/ Lg yd Owner $395,000 806-392-4588

4149 Rita. Open Sun 2-4 $479K. 4BD/ 2BA, Lg. yd. Agt. 650-520-5425.

4BD/2BA 2038 Rainier Dr. Cmptly. updated home. $590,000. Open Sat. 1-4pm. Call Agt. Jarrod 650-814-6108

4BD/3BA+Loft. 929 Morello Hills Dr. 2123 s/ft. $799K. Agent, 924 hr in - fo: 800-806-3694, x3004

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Oakley

6BD/3BA. 3020 sq./ft. **760 Mammouth Ct.** $624,950. Alain Pinel Realtors, Agent Jim Carlson, **925-719-1062.**

BEAUTIFUL Hm. 3BD 2BA, new dual pane windows, new roof, hot tub, 1464 Buttons, $460K agt 510.367.2629

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Orinda

$1,795,000 Sun 1-5 162 CRESTVIEW DR. Huge reductionl Ma - jor remod. Master ste. views, decks, 4bd 3.5ba, gourmet kit., 1.5ac Agt 925-253-1073

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3bd/2ba, Lg lot. Bay view-3 bridge $1.5M Agt.co-op 510.658.3896

Pinole

BEAUTIFUL 4bd 2ba, cmpltly. updated 2442 Colusa St. Agt. 707-694-8930

Pittsburg

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Pleasant Hill

12 MARLEE RD 3bd/2ba gar, Rancher, huge yd $679,999 Agent Ray 925-756-2452

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Richmond

3BD/1BA. A Complete Remodel $419,000 **2035 Grant Ave.** Crosby & Associates. 510-410-5599.

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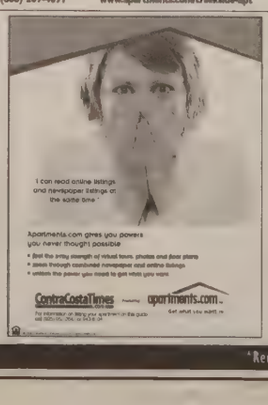


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LIVERMORE- Nice MH, in Lovely Quiet/Safe Park $895mo. 925-449-1315 or 408-314-4653

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Mobile Home Space Rentals

BRENTWOOD unit up to 28', quiet park, $435. 925-634-6270

CLAYTON Regency Mobile Hm Park, RV parking avail. 925-754-1434

Office Rentals

CONCORD, Nr BART 3135 Clayton Rd 650sf, 707.644.5320

WALNUT CREEK, avail. ofc ste, grt loc, dntwn Rent $675 925.935.1976

WALNUT CREEK, Small Office, 254 & 225 sq/ft. Parking. **925-256-1726**

Rentals Wanted

NEED A DOG NANNY? Dog car Prof. Seeks Living Space 4 Rent/ trade. Lets Talk 510-587-3222

Retail Space Lease

BRENTWOOD: 2 Lite Industrial Ofc. Spaces 1.2k/2.4Ksf w/ rollup Dr. Town Center Ter. Steve 925-634-8890

PLEASANTON- 1000sf Grt. Dwntwn. Loc 124 Spring St. 925-846-5838

RICHMOND retail & ofc. space $300-$950 Market Sq. Mall 707-490-2197; 510-233-1545

Rooms for Rent

ALAMEDA MALE PREF. Lg. furn., all utilities incl. cbl. Non-Smk. $500/mo. 510-814-8204

ANTIOCH: 1 rm. $500, 1 mstr. bdrm. suite $700 No smkg. 925-757-3815

ANTIOCH 2 rms. avail. $550 ea.+dep. Lux. hm call Ed 925-783-7174

ANTIOCH $475 Furn. utils & sattellite incl. ★ **RENTED!**

ANTIOCH $500/mo Incl util. Furnished. 925-219-5757

ANTIOCH $560 Incl. cbl Kit./Indry. No smk. Nr. Walmart 925-522-8195

ANTIOCH, Deer Vly Rm: Private Phone & Cable. $600 mo. 925-234-2698

ANTIOCH Full privs. Pool. $550 incl. utils. 925-383-5924

ANTIOCH New Home. 2 rms for rent. Call 925-778-8949; 714-276-7529

ANTIOCH, Prvt. Bath Pool, AC, $650 + $1k dep 925-756-5516

BAY POINT, Oak Hills. Nr Bart. 2 rms w/baths $525/$625 **925-709-8505**

BRENTWOOD 1bd $500 & lg. bonus rm. $350. Like new 510-468-9341

BRENTWOOD $500 inc. utils. 925-234-0022; 516-9573

BRENTWOOD $500 New home. Nonsmk. fem., pool 925-858-6323

BRENTWOOD on golf course $550ea, no pet / smkng. 510.388.9464

CASTRO Valley $600 lg. rm., pvt. bath, quiet 510-299-0001

CLAYTON/CONCORD Nr Bart, short term ok $185+/wk **925.736.1746**

CONCORD 1 clean rm. $395 +dep. Male pref. Nr BART. 925-984-4181

CONCORD- 1 Rm. $550 Incl Util. No Pets/ drugs. 925-827-3106

CONCORD $550 Only, No pets, **smkfree,** Walk to BART. 925-202-5808.

CONCORD $600 mo $150 dep. Nonsmk, no pets. 925-691-8834

CONCORD: Mstr bdrm, priv bath. $550+dep+ PGE. 925-671-9175

CONCORD: Nice, Clean Furnished Room. $500. 925-682-8756/451-6079

CONCORD, quiet, Util. Included, amenities, $500. RENTED

CONCORD rm. $450 incl utils., share bath/kit. /Indry. 925-682-5563

CONCORD rm. $500 + utils. Smkg. ok. No pet 925-674-0745

CONCORD: rm with bath $600+$300 dep ½ util No pets or drugs. 925-864-2826

CONCORD Room: $450 +$200 deposit, Clean, Nr BART 925-689-1506

CROCKETT $470 + utils. Lrg quiet rm opens to balcony. 510-787-3348.

DANVILLE - 1BD. 1616 Fountain Spring Circle. View. All privileges! $550 includes util. Call Bruce, 925-376-7766.

DUBLIN Great location. Clean, Quiet, EZ to fwy. $625mo. 925-997-4300

DUBLIN- Kit. Priv. Stor. w/d. Util Incl $600 + Dep 925-828-4228

EL Cerrito: 1BD+Pvt Ba $675 util Inc 5 Blocks To BART. 510-559-2958

EL SOBRANTE $365 **Fem only,** view, cbl yd no pet 510.435.7123

HERCULES Nice area. $600 incl. utils. Fem. only! 510-685-1969

HERCULES rm Matured minded. Male pref. $550mo. 510.329.4951

LIVERMORE- Lg. Bdrm. Pvt. Ent. Non-smk. FP New 32" HDTV Furn. $525+Util 925-337-1309

MARTINEZ $455 + utils, Male pref. No smk. pets. 925-957-0169

MARTINEZ: $500, utils. Incl., W/D. Se habla espanol. 408-316-2536

MARTINEZ Lg. pvt. rm. & BA. $695, Incl. utils., cable. 925-228-4226

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OAKLEY: Room in nice home. $500, includes utilities. 925-565-7594

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PITTSBURG Furn. $300 every 2 wks; Indry, cbl, utils Incl. **925-584-6802**

PITTSBURG unfurn. rm. $400+$100 dep, util, & ph. Inc. 925-432-6219

PLEASANTON Great home, location. $545 +1/3 util. Fem pref 925-487-3520

RICHMOND VIEW: $400. Fem. pref. Safe area. Utils. pd. Dorm-like setting. 510-223-0108

SAN RAMON- Avail in Spac. Condo. $550-700 Util Incl. 925-362-1554

SAN RAMON: Lg. room. $600 + dep., ¼ utils. Full privs 925-937-9323

SAN RAMON: pool, kit, w/d nosmk/pets, $650 RENTED

SAN RAMON: Quiet rm. $585. Utils. Incl. + dep. Kit. priv. 925-828-2954

WALNUT CREEK. 2 rms. Nice home. $510 & up + utils. 415.826.3900

WALNUT CREEK Lndry., cable, pool, gd. school $585. 925-934-5797

WALNUT CREEK+ Pvt. ba. No pets/smk $790 925-525-5526

WANTED rm in pvt hm. In W.C $250/mo. Elderly man 415-621-8505

Shared Housing

CONCORD 1 lg rm. share ba $600 + 1/4 utils. 925-825-5555

CONCORD 2bd/1ba home. Walk. to Concord BART. $575mo. negot./$575 dep.+ ½ utils. 925-330-1389

CONCORD home $545 all amenities, gym, pool 925-798-3282

CONCORD shr 3bd 1ba home, priv $575, avail now! Nice quiet st. No pets/smk 925.785.2702

CONCORD/W.C. BRDR. 1BD w/own bath $525 + ¼ utils. Nice area. No Pets. 925-349-6818

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DANVILLE Bd & Ba, in 4BD, nosmk, $800+util 925-413-4769 aft 7pm

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LIVERMORE EAST. Seeking fem. to share East wing of Estate Hm. w/same. Full hse. privs. $650 + $50 utils. Nonsmk. 510-928-9152

LIVERMORE pvt. suite in 2bd apt, non smoking $650 925-422-9689

MONTCLAIR - Huge BD. w/ BA. Lovely home Or BD & Ext Rm w/ BA. Near trans. Fem. pref. 510-530-4151.

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PLEASANT HILL - Female. Furn. No pets. $500 +1/3 util. 925-674-0248

PLEASANT Hill: room in lovely hm. grt. loc. nr. Bart/trails/fwy. no pets/ nonsmkg. Drug free, $650 incl. util. 925-946-9378

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Studios & Lofts

RICHMOND $650 Sec. 8 ok. Nr. BART. 510-223-5526: 415-516-3926

RICHMOND: N.E. Gar/ patio/fwy/BART $725 Part furn.510-559-1892

SAN PABLO studio, garage, excel. cond $725. 510.222.7437

WALNUT Creek. Studio Apt. $900+1 pvt. rms. @$400 ea. share ba. refs. req 925-943-5654

Vacation Rentals

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LAKE Tahoe So. condo, forest edge, 1 mi. to lake etc. 925-945-6186

N. Y. CITY 11/25-12/1 1 BD, 2 BA Lux Suite near Carnegie Hall $300 day 510-531-6711

Alameda Apartments

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1BD/1ba $750; **2bd/1ba** $850 + $500 dep. Nr. shops 925-754-5454

1BD/1BA, Updated, Indry., $850+ dep., 901 J St. #8. 510-377-9717.

1BD, gar., AC, $725; **Studio** $595; **2BD/1BA,** $875; 925-595-4007

2BD/1BA, Indry hkup. 307 E. 13th St. Garb. & water pd. 925.672.2137

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2BD Special 1st month $425; Sec. 8 ok. nr. frwy. 650-743-1110

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2BD/1BA $1100 + dep. Willow Pass/Queens. Bkyd. 925-437-8796

2BD/2BA, quiet 8 plex, 1 cat, Elegant, remod. $1100, 925-686-2940

2BD: Must see! Move-in Special! $995 pool, blcny., near fwy/ schl. Prkg **925-691-5767**

STUDIO $725 + dep. Nr. fwy/Bart No pets. Excel loc 408-210-4062

Crockett Apartments

1BD. Remodeled, deck, view, frplc, W/D, quiet area $900 510.787.2783

1BD w/Indry. Garden setting $800. Day (510) 787.1603;Wknd787.1026

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1BD quiet. cln, Nr BART /Shops. No pets/smk $850 510-526-7574

2BD/1BA, all new cpt., paint, grt. loc. Nr. Bart, shops. WD on site $1100. 510-262-9324.

El Sobrante Apartments

1BD/1BA Duplex, view, gar., no pet, no sect 8. $895/mo. 510-914-4237

2BD/1BA carport, patio Quiet, cat ok. $850 + dep. Call 510-531-8539.

Hercules Apartments

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LAFAYETTE studio, 1ba, $1,200, 400 sq. ft. cottage, w-d, cul-de-sac 925 963-0990

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STUDIO, clean, quiet, Indry., no pets, $650+ dep. **(800) 540-4285**

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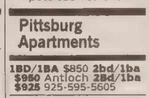
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Pleasant Hill Apartments

2BD/2BA, Lg., quiet, clean, pool, Indry. No pets. 925-952-4533

Richmond Apartments

1BD w/gar., W/D hook-up. Grt. loc. $995; **2BD** $1195 510-232-5067

2BD/1BA $1000 + $500 dep. Crprt, WD hook-up, 621 & 623 Harbour Way @ Roosevelt 818-692-5920

2BD/1BA $800-$1050 **3bd/1BA** $1200 925-595-5605

2BD/1BA $850. 3BD/1BA, lg. 301 Nevin stor. rm., cpt., $1350 Deb 510.223.7682

2BD/1BA, $850 + $800 dep. 335 S. 27th St. & 1527 Potrero Ave. [illegible]

2BD, 2 Avail. Xint cond. $975 mo. **Also a 1BD** for $780. 510-385-3333.

2BD, 422 C St. off Nevin, $950. Sec. 8 ok 510-223-7421: 691-7450

2BD Hilltop Remod.! Large patio. Sec. 8 ok. $1195. 510-734-2251.

2BD, nice clean apt., Burbeck Ave. $1200, sec. 8 ok. 650-630-0705

2BD Very Nice $850mo. Enclosed Yd. Sec. 8 ok Garb. Pd. 510-517-3657

39th & Barrett. Lrg 2bd. Coin Lndry. No Sec 8. $950+dep. Garb & Wtr Inc. 510-245-0108

3BD/1BA, 2BD/1ba 3800 Waller Indry/ gated Sec 8 ok 510-701-3468

RICHMOND 4bd, 2ba, $1,500.00, [illegible]

RICHMOND $750 1bd, 1ba, [illegible]

RICHMOND Large 2BR/1BA, $1000. move in bonus 408-[illegible]

Rodeo Apartments

1BD $895 / 2BD $1150. Both Upgraded. Bay View. **510-799-6833**

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1BD $850+, 2BD $1050+ 2BD 4-plex w/carport **$1150+** 510-593-3588

2BD/1BA, gated carport, wtr. & garb. incl. $1000 650-490-0122

2BD/1BA Move-in spec. nr. trans. 2341 21st St. $995. 510-889-0338

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2BD $900 + Dep. Lndry, new carpet call for spec. 707-246-6370

2BD in 4plex. Very nice. wtr/garb. pd. Sec 8 ok $1150. 510-724-0571

2BD Nice, $990+Dep. Carport, 2855 14th St. Sec. 8 ok 510-919-0864

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$995 2BD/1BA Completely remod. 2100 Pine Ave 415-215-1001

STUDIO, 1245 23rd St. Spac., New kit, flrs, ba $695 510-889-0338

Walnut Creek Apartments

1BD $850. A/C, Covered Parking. Nr Bart, Pool, Buslines. **925-705-1283**

2BD $1350. Like a home 510-339-1234

2BD/1½ba + den $895-$1425,1400 Creek-side. pool. 925-939-6416

2BD/1BA Duplex, W/D hkup Buena Vista Av $1025. 925-254-0519

NEAR P.H. BART 1bd, 1ba. Cottage/In-law. Incl most utilities $850. 925-947-4894

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Concord Condos & Townhouses

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2BD/1½BA Nr Dwntwn,. Pvt. bkyd, dbl carport, Wtr Incl. Lndry Rm. $1395 925-683-5390

3BD/2½BA walk to dntwn., gardner, A/C gar., $1975 208.340.8192

Dublin Condos & Townhouses

2BD, 2stry w/gar. Qual. commun. $1595 925-828-4915;895-6626

DUBLIN Ranch 2bd, 2.5ba, $1,950.00 Open House 9/10 9/17 1-4 [illegible]

El Sobrante Condos & Townhouses

EL Sobrante 2bd, 1ba, $1,165.00,, wsh/dryer, fireplace, new carpet 650-544-4776

Hercules Condos & Townhouses

2BD/2BA All New. Gar Balcony+View. $1450 +dep. 510-410-3631

3BD/2½BA, 1841 sf., 2 car gar., quiet, $1900+ dep. Call 510-847-1819.

Livermore Condos & Townhouses

LARGE, Nice 1BD/1BA. Dishwasher, Fridge, $925 mo. 925-443-3959

Martinez Condos & Townhouses

2BD/2 Full Bath Townhouse w/1 car garage & 1 carport. 1088 Maywood Lane. $1200mo. **925-370-0941**

3BD/2½BA, lrg. Renov. pool, tennis, view w/d hk-up $1725+dep. 925-228-6651 Avail 10/1

Oakland Condos & Townhouses

OAKLAND HILLS. Twnhs., 3bd/2.5ba, Quiet, Bay views. updates $2300mo. 1st., last+sec. Nonsmk. no pets. 925-461-8518

Pleasant Hill Condos & Townhouses

1BD, Shadowood. Cent Heat/AC, Laundry-Spa-Pool-Tennis. $975/mo. $500 sec. 925-682-9620

Pleasanton Condos & Townhouses

2 MASTER bd, 2.5ba, avail. Immed. $1995 + dep. 925-484-5200

Richmond Condos & Townhouses

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Alameda Homes

3BD/2ba, 1 car gar., hdwd flrs, frplc., garb pd. $2050 510.523.3785

Alamo Homes

ALAMO 3bd 2ba Nicely Remodel,Good School, $2,675.00 925-788-6038

COTTAGE: 2bd/1½ba, pvt. yd., gardener, 2 car gar. $2000. Avail. 10/1. 925-837-7159

Antioch Homes

2BD/1ba, newly remod. $1350, clean, quiet, lg. yard. 925-625-0649

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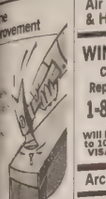


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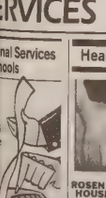
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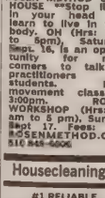
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Albany

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Antioch

2 GARAGE SALES 225 & 228 Texas St. Fri & Sat 9am - 3pm New & used items, electric bed, new Ford tailgate, many more items.

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ESTATE SALE 4705 Silvertree Wrn Ct. Fri. Sat. Sun. 9-5 Antiques, Furn., Bric-a-brak, china, cab., new Couches, 4 posted Qk King Bed, knotted pine walnut, brand new mattresses jewelry, bedspreads, new quilts, throw rugs, brand new clothes, Leather Works & boutique & more 925-754-2008 directions

HUGE 3 FAMILY SALE Friday/Sat., 8:00 - 3:00 Lots of Ant. Furn. Vint Items, giss showcase, home decor, new & old, halloween, Queen bed, clothes, quilts, books, toys, games, & Hillcrest to Bellflower to **3546 Lockwood Cir.**

SAT 9/23, 8-2 302 Elizabeth Ct (off Putnam) Small antiques, set of truck tires, hshld. items & misc. Everything Must Go !

Benicia

BENICIA ESTATE SALE. Sat. Sept 23rd. Computer, TVs, electronics, furniture, everything must go! 640 West "I" St. Benicia. 8AM.

Berkeley

HUGE SALE 1000's of Things 471 Grizzley Peak Blvd at Craigmont. Sept. 23rd & 24th, 10-4 Antiques, rugs, furn., artistic overflow kids, designer clothes, lace

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SAT 9/23 8am to 1pm 2709 Hawthorn Pl. Baby clothes, crib, dresser, changing tbl., some tools, and misc. items.

SATURDAY 9-4 1503 Buena Vista St. (off Fairview) Household, tools, books, yard stuff, etc.

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2527 BONIFACIO ST. Inside carport - **park on st.-** Sa/Su 8:30-2:30 Baby / kid's clothes, Hawaiian shirts, kitch., orientat rug, girl's bedding, record plyr, Harley, R/C truck

4248 BENTWOOD CIR Sat-Sun 10-4 Something for every - one, furn., elec. htr., wall A/C, lots of adult clothing, vintage LPs, fabrics, holiday & Xmas decor, books

7 FAMILY BLOCK SALE Saturday, 9am-2pm, 1653 Walnut Hts Ln. Furniture, Power tools, Bikes, Baby & kids, clothes & toys. Electronics & more!

BIG SALE Sat 9/23, 7-Noon 2144 Fox Way Benefits Aphasia Cntr. Lots of everything, collectibles, crafts table. Early birds welcome. 925-687-9783

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DOWNSIZING!! Everything from A to Z must go! **Sat-Sun 9/23-9/24, 9-3 1342 Montana Dr** Clothes, toys, dishes, books, holiday stuff, and more!

ESTATE SALE Fri., 8am to 5pm 1656 Placer Dr. TV, furn., lamps, etc.. Everything is for sale. If it's not nailed down, make an offer.

GARAGE SALE 1671 Wilson Ct. Fri-Sun 9am-5pm. Old glass ware, kids cloths, chairs, tv en - tertainment center, microwave, desser, & more **NO CHECKS.**

GARAGE SALE 1826 SILVERWOOD DR SAT. ONLY! 9-1PM Kit. goods, wall pic - tures, collectibles: plates, silver, sterling flatware, File cabs, maple tea cart, more

GARAGE SALE 2736 Argyll Ave Sat 9/23, 7am-2pm. All household items. Too much to list. Everything must go! No early birds.

GARAGE SALE Household items & odds & Ends Sat. & Sun, 8-4pm 1591 Eve Dr. (off Clayton, X-St Thornwood)

GARAGE SALE Sun. 9/24, 9-4pm ★★★★★ 1553 Alra Ct. teens furn., plates, dishes, pots & pans, computer, sport cards

LARGE GARAGE SALE 2348 NORON DR. Sat.-Sun. 8-5pm Baby items, men/ women/baby clothes shoes, kitchen/ hshld Items, toys, too much to list. A lot of everything.

MOVING SALE Fri-Sat 9/22-9/23, 8-2 5126 Coral Ct (off Ayers Rd) Decorations galore & other great stuff!

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NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE 5264 Grasswood Ct Saturday Only! 9-2 No Early Birds Please

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DANVILLE - SAT 9/23 ONLY 8am-3pm Count-Wide Yard Sale - Entertainment Centers, Sleeper Sofas, Solid Oak Dining Table, Dresser, Craft Supplies, glassware & much more - 128 Feliz Ct Danville 94526

MULTI FAMILY SALE Sat., 8-2 51 Joaquin Ct. (Danville South) **FURNITURE**, baby furn clothes, toys/games bridesmaid/formal dresses, misc. hshld Items & much more!!!

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NORTHRIDGE GARAGE SALE Sat 9/23, 8-1 Over 25 Homes Particl - pating. Maps of homes will be at 89 Tuscany Way, cross sts. Woodranch/ Camino Tassajara Furn., electronics, lots of baby items, hshld., clothes & more! Hosted by Tina Hack, Joe Mathews at Diablo Funding Group

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EL Sobrante Neighborhood Garage Sale at Travalina Court, 94803. Saturday (only) 9-3, september 23, 2006. Items include: Antiques, furniture, household goods, childrens' toys, and much more!

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Livermore

3868 INVERNESS WAY Sat/Sun 9/23-24 8-3pm Bedroom set, old toys & dolls, Beanie Babies & kid stuff. Hshld items, books & clothes. Patio Items. & Xmas stuff.

9/22-23, 8am-2pm. 4107 Camrose, Multi-family.daybed,crib clothes,toys,jewelry, Staingls.lamps,tools house/kitchenitmes collectables/dolls/ plates deskchair,chng.table

BIG YARD SALE 573 Rincon Ave. SAT 9/23 9am to 5pm Quality household items, lots of kid's stuff, & silver jewelry. 5 families!

ESTATE SALE Fri, Sat, Sun 8-5pm 559 Everglade Ln. off Olivina. Kit, BD, LR furn, china, clothes (wom,/ child) elect., videos, jewelry, records, dolls, table, chrs ckware, htr, sofa

NEIGHBORHOOD Multi-Family Sale 1050 Evelyn Lane, Dana/Wynn/Megan Sat. 9/23 8-4pm Come look for everything you need. We have it all!

Martinez

GARAGE SALE 121 LANCE CT SAT. ONLY! 8-2PM Crib & dresser set, w/accesss., 2 Britax car seats, crystal stemware, wine access. Silk plants, dishes, kit. items & toddler clothes

GARAGE SALE 2107 Torrington Ct Sat. 9/23: 9am-2pm Lots of books & house - hold items

MULTI FAMILY SALE 4811 Tahoe Circle Fri., 10am to 2pm Sat., 9:30am to 3:30 Sun., 10am to 2pm Large variety of good stuff at reasonable prices. Too much to list. You won't believe it. Don't miss this one. See you there. No early birds.

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Moraga

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ESTATE SALE 6716 Menke Ave (off Colton & College) **Sat-Sun 9/23-24, 10-3** Furniture, jewelry, Native Amer. pottery & rugs, china, silver, & misc. hshld. Cash pref. No early sales

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Oakland

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NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE Over 25 Families Plymouth Church 424 Monte Vista Ave Corn. Oakland Ave. Saturday 9am-2pm

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OAKLAND Multi-family Garage sale in Montclair, 1877 & 1885 Melvin Road. 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept 23 Huge selection to choose from!

OAKLAND MULTIFAMILY YARD SALE 4700 block Park Blvd.Sat. Sept.23,8-2,household items,appliances,clothes,toys,books,furniture more.Benefits Boy Scouts.

SAT 9/23 10-5 3101 Park Blvd @ E. 28th St. Antiques, chairs, brass, collectibles, vintage items, jewelry, textiles, kitchen, misc. Great stuff!

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SAT & SUN 9/23-9/24 8am to 2pm 3963 Harvest Cir. Harley Davidson parts Clothing,ab roller, ab lounger, Brothers fax machine, girls bike, Playschool kid's desk.

Orinda

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Piedmont

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Pittsburg

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GARAGE SALE Sat & Sun, 8pm-4pm 39 & 34 Kingswood Dr. Baby items, furn., hshld items & misc. A little bit of everything!

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Pleasant Hill

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Pleasanton

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San Pablo

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San Ramon

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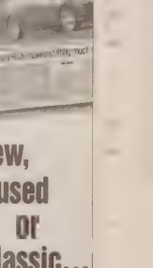
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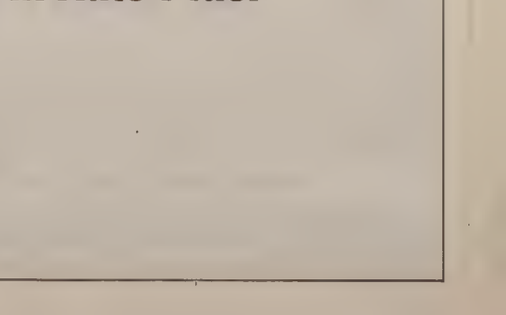
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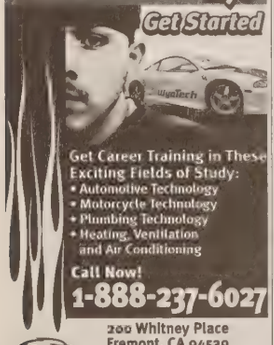
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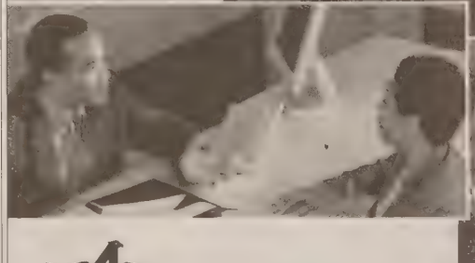
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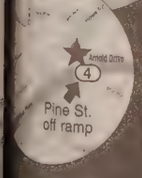
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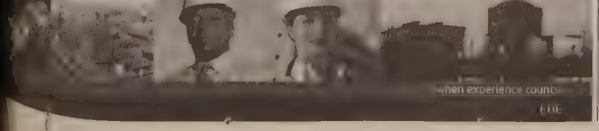
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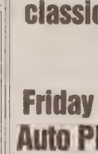
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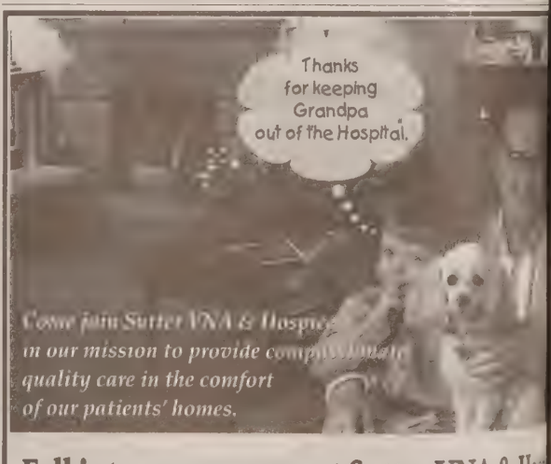
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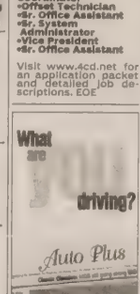
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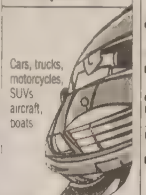
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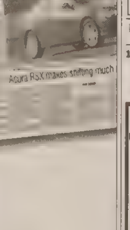
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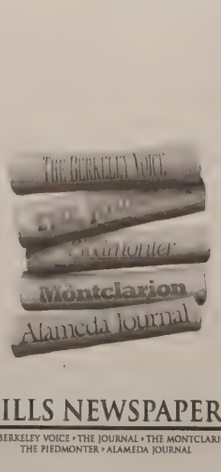
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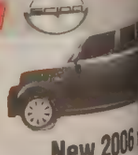


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BY STACY DOWNS
...PCOLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

...e kitchen is the most expen... room to overhaul, and new cab... eat up more than half the ...'s remodeling budget. Instead ...ending the average $30,000 it ...to replace cabinets, does it ...more sense to resurface them? ..., says kitchen designer Sally ...ey of Kitchens Only, a com... independent of specific prod... which she runs from her ... Hang on to your cabinets if ...ke these three things going ...

...verything inside can be eas... ...ted. "Cabinets with dark cor... ...ere things get lost, or ones ...o too narrow to store anything, ...worth saving," she said.

...good relationship with the re... ...ator, stove, microwave, dish... ...e and sink. "Cabinets are the ...tion of a kitchen," she said, ...ause they set up the workspace ...old the stuff."

...e least mediocre craftsman... ...For starters, that means the ...t boxes shouldn't be made of ...rn particleboard. "You just ...ake a cheap cabinet into a ...abinet," she said.

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...a Sobek of Leawood, Kan., ...d her laminate countertops ...anite, the white tile backsplash ...mbled stone and old appli... ...with new ones. Her cabinets ...ked fine, but the shiny orange ...of the golden oak fronts ...ed hopelessly outdated, and ...n't have the money for new ...Sometimes just changing the ...isn't enough to make a cab... ...different," she said.

...ey received an $8,300 bid to ...e 35 drawers and doors re... ...Overwhelmed by the ex... ...prospect, she decided to do ...k herself. "I spent weeks ...g the wood," she said. "I pur... ...a sander and started to ex... ...What an enormous job it ...this. It took weeks to figure ...and the doors that I worked ...ed horrible."

...obek started calling faux-fin... ...ers in the phone book. She ...ariah Smith & Associates of ...d Park, Kan., a team of three ...ese painters depending on ...to do the work for $2,300.

...er cabinets are brick red ...en glaze. She hasn't had ...ch them since the work ...ished in August 2005. How... ...many people with painted ...ts have had to touch up ...e paint, so it's a good ...keep a professional's spe... ...nt blend on hand.

...ough this type of resurfacing ...east expensive option — es... ...if you do it yourself — it takes ...of prep work. Expect to pay ...elaborate paint jobs that in... ...ure details such as water... ...ly flicks.

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...ney Mosburg of Overland ...n., doesn't consider her... ...do-it-yourselfer, but her ...cabinets turned her into ...e was sick of the country ...her kitchen with its golden ...s. Her friend told her about ...y refinishing class at Sur... ...e Paint & Decorative Arts Studio in Lenexa.

Refinishing is different from merely priming and painting cabinets. It means degreasing, stripping and sanding before adding coats of paint or stain. Mosburg spent a month refinishing the 37 doors and drawers in her kitchen. She transported the cabinet pieces to Surfaces' work space where cure lights helped them dry. To pass the time, she listened to books on tape.

"It took a lot of patience and time, but it ended up being fun," Mosburg said. "I'd do it again."

Mosburg spent about $900 for the project, which included materials and studio time. Her cabinets are off-white with a hand-rubbed brown finish. "I like how you can still see the texture in the grain of wood," she said. "The cabinets now look like pieces of furniture."

Refinishing takes the most prep work of any resurfacing option, but the results last longer than priming and painting. Keep in mind some chemical strippers can emit hazardous fumes.

The work involved in refinishing often leads professionals to charge almost as much as refacing. And with refinishing, you're stuck with the existing style of the same old cabinets.

Refacing

Keith Harmon and his wife, Lucy, had nutmeg-brown kitchen cabinets from the 1960s. The doors were banged up, but the cabinet boxes were in OK shape.

The couple chose Cabinet-Reface.com of Overland Park, Kan., to reface their cabinets. Thin sheets of real maple, stained with Sherwin-Williams' Martha Stewart Tractor Green, were glued to the cabinet boxes. New molding and doors, stained the same color, were installed.

The Harmons spent $10,000 on the cabinets. They chose refacing, rather than replacing, to save money and also to use their kitchen during the remodeling process.

The disadvantage of refacing is the price tag, which is the most expensive compared to other options. It's key to ask professionals whether they use laminate or real-wood veneer. Keep in mind that refacing is usually too difficult for non-professionals.

Keith Harmon said refacing his cabinets was worth the money. "The cabinets make it feel like a whole new kitchen," he said. "And that's the point."

Don't forget the insides

To add function, pull-out shelves, lazy Susans, drawer dividers, baskets or plate racks can be retrofitted in cabinets. Components start at $50 and are available through cabinet refacing companies and home stores.

Other options

Insert glass. Hire a carpenter to knock out panels and add clear, textured or opaque frosted panes. Consider installing a light fixture or painting the inside of the cabinet.

Fix them. Cabinets don't necessarily need to be replaced if one or two drawers and doors are beat up. Call a refacing company for estimates.

Add cabinets. Keep existing cabinets and build a few new ones in a different color and texture. Coordinating the two styles can be tricky, so you might need a designer's help.



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Sources: Tim Wilson, The Wood Works; Sally Sweeney, Kitchens Only; Rebecca Slaton and Surfaces Fine Paint & Decorative Arts Studio.

Compare costs

The average kitchen has about 40 openings for drawers and doors. The following are the average prices for a pro to do the work and furnish the supplies.

Refacing: $150 to $300 per opening. Cabinet doors and drawers are replaced with new ones. Thin sheets of wood or laminate are glued on top of cabinet boxes.

Refinishing: $50 to $200 per opening. Cabinet surfaces are degreased, stripped, sanded and stained. Antique looks are in style, because existing cabinets are distressed anyway.

Repainting: $50 per opening. Cabinet surfaces are primed and painted.

Sources: ShopSmart by Consumer Reports; Surfaces and The Wood Works.

Part 1: Can I drink the water?

CHARLES STUART PLATKIN
THE DIET DETECTIVE

Water used to be simple. It came out of a tap; you drank it; and it was good. Now, with concerns about safety and taste, water is much more complicated. After contacting the experts and scouring the research, here are the answers to the most important water questions.

Where do we get our tap water?

There are generally two sources of water — ground (underground) and surface (reservoirs, lakes, rivers, etc.), and it's about a 50-50 split. Larger cities typically use surface water, whereas smaller municipalities use ground. Also, according to James M. Symons, Sc.D., aka Dr. Water, about 80 million people in the United States use water from individual sources (e.g., well water), which is not regulated.

Is tap water safe?

To state the obvious, if water wasn't safe, most of the country would be sick. So, in the short term, most municipalities have safe water. The risk associated with tap water relative to other risks in the world, such as air and traffic accidents, is very low, says Mark Wiesner, Ph.D., P.E., a professor of environmental engineering at Duke University. The primary concern for municipal water facilities is to eliminate pathogens or microbes — the things that can make you sick right away. American water systems are doing a decent job keeping our water supply safe, so we can feel a level of comfort drinking the water from the tap.

Water from your tap is not meant to be sterile, but it is meant to be safe to drink within a reasonable risk. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates known contaminants and, through a process known as risk assessment, monitors the frequency and concentration of contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act mandates that the agency continually update its list of potential contaminants.

In fact, the EPA has two sets of water-quality goals. The first is the EPA maximum contaminant levels (MCL), which municipalities can't go above. Then there are the MCLG (maximum contaminant level goals). Here the objective is to determine what the goals would be if cost weren't an issue. Both these levels are available on the EPA Web site.

However, environmental groups are concerned about the long-term effects of tap water. Can you get cancer or lead poisoning from the water? The fact is that we don't know — and that's what's frightening.

The Environmental Working Group analyzed the nation's municipal water supply and found over 90 percent compliance with enforceable health standards set by the EPA, demonstrating a commitment on the part of municipalities to comply with safety standards. The problem, according to the group, is the EPA's failure to establish enforceable health standards or to monitor requirements for other sources of tap water contaminants. Of the 260 contaminants detected in tap water from 42 states, the EPA has set enforceable health limits for only 114; the EPA also has set non-enforceable goals, called secondary standards, for five others.

Of the 141 unregulated contaminants detected in public water supplies from 1998 to 2003, 52 are linked to cancer, 41 to reproductive toxicity, 36 to "developmental toxicity" and 16 to immune system damage, according to chemical listings in seven standard government and industry toxicity references. Despite the potential health risks, any concentration of these chemicals in tap water is legal, no matter how high.

Cities may also be concerned about nitrates and nitrites, too much fluoride, pesticides and a vast number of other organic chemicals, endocrine-disrupting chemicals, etc. "There are so many that it is ludicrous to list what the consumer should avoid, since the consumer can't actually identify any of them," says Tim Ford, Ph.D., a professor of microbiology at Montana State University.

The Environmental Working Group database of contaminants — www.ewg.org/tapwater/contaminants/ — has a detailed listing of all contaminants you should be concerned about, both those regulated and unregulated by the EPA.

The other issue with regard to municipal tap water is the potential problems created by the chemicals used to clean and disinfect the water. "Long-term effects of disinfection byproducts are hotly debated. Yes, many have been shown to be carcinogenic at high concentrations, but if we didn't have disinfection, we'd die of infectious disease long before the effects of disinfection byproducts would kill us from cancer," says Ford.

Why is tap water contaminated?

The biggest problem we have with tap water is the source. Because rivers and reservoirs are often polluted with industrial chemicals, farm waste, sewage, pesticides, fertilizer and sediment, municipal water supplies start with a very contaminated supply, which they're forced to clean up. "We are paying for a lot of current and past sins," according to Symons.

How is tap water cleaned?

According to Symons, the two primary means for preparing water in this country are disinfection (using primarily chlorine) and filtration. It's best if the water is clarified (filtered) to remove all particles, because germs hide inside particles. But some municipalities, such as New York City, only chlorinate, he adds.

Why don't municipalities take additional steps to purify tap water? There's no point in "sterilizing" water that is then going to be distributed through an aging, leaking distribution system (which currently is almost all of them), says Ford. But most tap water is treated to overcome most of the post-treatment distribution issues that could occur.

Also, one interesting fact about water treatment: According to Mark Wiesner, Ph.D., P.E., a professor at Duke University, all municipal water is treated to be drinkable; however, only 15 percent goes for residential use (and only 15 percent of that 15 percent is actually used to drink and cook — the rest is used for bathing, gardening, washing cars, etc.). So no matter where you drink, American water is probably safe — from the fire hydrant, hose, a swimming pool, etc.

Is there another country with a superior water supply?

The United States creates regulations based on available data of the risks and hazards, whereas Europe has a precautionary system. If they think there is something that's going to be wrong — well, they don't let it out on the market. For instance, synthetic polymers are used to remove viruses from water in the United States, but they're banned in many European countries because there is not enough health information, says Wiesner.

If I drink tap water, should I use a filter?

One of the weakest points of tap water is the distribution system, and while treatment is supposed to hold up through this process, there can be some deterioration. "It's not an unreasonable investment to have some sort of carbon filter to remove lead, bacteria and chlorine. It can be a bit safer and also improve the taste. But keep in mind that you're taking on the responsibility of treating water at the last step of the process — which means you need to maintain the process," says Wiesner.

If you are thinking about getting a filter for your home, there are several things to consider. First, make sure your filter removes contaminants of concern in your particular tap water. Second, be sure the filter is independently certified by NSF International, a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization (www.nsf.org), or a similar independent organization. Third, maintain the filter at least as often as the manufacturer recommends, or hire a maintenance company to maintain it for you. Carefully follow all cleaning, replacement or routine maintenance instructions. "Refrigerators with built-in filters are worrisome. Supply lines will eventually form biofilms and are virtually impossible to clean. There are many, many different filters on the market, but here, maintenance is the key. The simpler they are to clean and replace, the better," says Ford.

Also, remember that a "point of use" filter on your sink will not remove all contaminants. For example, you can be exposed to trihalomethanes in the shower. Only a "point of entry" device that cleans all the water in your house will take care of all your water taps.

Finally, if you have a weakened immune system, check the Centers for Disease Control Web site and consult with your health care provider for advice about filters.

How can I find out about the quality of the water where I live?

All communities have to produce a Consumer Confidence once a year and mail their customers a report out where your water is posted or if they already port says Aaron Wright water expert and microbiology at the Univ Hampshire. To find out city's water quality company for a copy ter-quality report called a or get the Sense of Your Right (see www.safe rtk.html or www.e ter/dwinfo/index.htm understand the report.

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Althea. Ali. Pelé. Jackie. Mia. Lance. The dynamic interaction of athletes, audiences, and the media has had an extraordinary impact on American life over the past century and a half. Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution, looks at athletes whose achievements shaped—and were shaped by—moments of social and historical change in the U.S.

Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers opens at the Oakland Museum of California on Saturday, Sept. 23 and continues through Sunday, Jan. 6, 2007. Oakland is the seventh stop on the exhibition's 10-city, three-year national tour.

"The history of breaking records and barriers in Bay Area sports runs long and deep," said Mark Medeiros, deputy director, Oakland Museum of California. "It's evident in Sports, with Oakland's own Bill Russell chosen as exhibition ambassador. The museum will highlight local athletes' stories to supplement this outstanding national show."

The exhibition focuses on 35 history-making athletes and their performances in 17 different sports. Women's changing roles, racial and ethnic integration, the emergence of sports celebrities and superstars, nationalism, perceptions about physical limitations and technological breakthroughs that enhanced performance are among the issues covered in the show.

"The exhibition vividly portrays the men and women who pioneered, excelled and influenced their sport; championed their country, race, or gender and helped others to achieve," stated Ellen Roney Hughes, the exhibition's curator and a cultural historian at the Museum of American History. "These individuals broke records for themselves and for us all."

Sports is divided into six sections: Firsts, Olympians, Game Makers, Barrier Removers, More Than Sports Champions and Superstars. Each section profiles specific athletes, with their photographs, medals, jerseys and gear.

Spotlighting the Smithsonian's sports collection, the exhibition opens with Abraham Lincoln's handball and closes with Michael Jordan's basketball jersey. Gertrude Ederle's English Channel swim goggles, Sandy Koufax's baseball glove, Lance Armstrong's yellow jersey, and a "Miracle on Ice" hockey shirt are among the other artifacts.

The exhibition also features a short video that further explores the athletes featured in the section "More than Sports Champions." Produced and donated by The History Channel, the video is narrated by basketball legend and Oakland native Bill Russell. It looks at athletes, such as B King, Roberto Cle Muhammad Ali, wh roles as public figure and moved beyond champions to become for a cause

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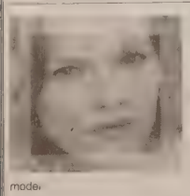
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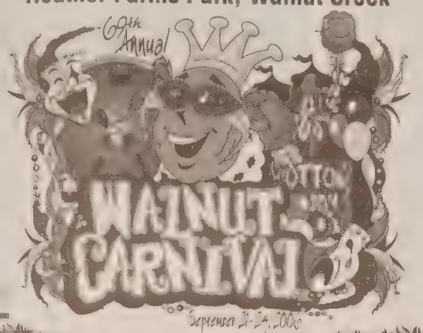
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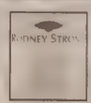
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Part 2: Taking the cap off bottled water

CHARLES STUART PLATKIN
THE DIET DETECTIVE

According to the Beverage Marketing Corp., Americans drank more than 7.3 billion gallons of bottled water in 2005, more than 24 gallons per person per year, placing it second only to carbonated soft drinks as the most consumed beverage. And among the most important reasons we drink bottled water is that we're afraid of getting sick from tap water. So, is it safer?

Is bottled water safer than tap water?

Not necessarily. In fact, "Tap water is far better regulated and treated than bottled water. You are entirely in the hands of the manufacturer when you drink bottled water," says Tim Ford, Ph.D., a professor of microbiology at Montana State University.

James M. Symons, Sc.D., aka Dr. Water, understands the excitement about bottled water and believes that if you're drinking it because of a taste or preference issue, that's certainly understandable. However, if you think you're drinking safer water because you're afraid of the tap, you're misguided.

Is bottled water from better sources, and does it have better treatment? Oftentimes yes, says Symons, but the risk level of tap water currently is trivial. "Bottled water was started because of snob appeal and because people don't trust the government. And the fact that bottled water has become so popular is a real embarrassment to water municipalities that work so hard to keep water safe and clean." And yes, it's true — some bottled water is taken directly from tap with additional treatment.

Is bottled water regulated?

In the United States, bottled water is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which adapts the guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate bottled water. But while the EPA does extensive testing of the municipal water supply, bottled water is rarely tested.

Aaron Margolin, Ph.D., a water expert and professor of microbiology at the University of New Hampshire, found no microbial difference between bottled water and water taken from a New York City water fountain. Over the years, bottled water regulations have become more stringent; you can view the guide to regulations on the International Bottled Water Association Web site (www.bottledwater.org). They have now set standards equal to those of the EPA, whereas previous standards were below EPA specifications. The main difference is that while the EPA extensively monitors and tests municipal water, the FDA doesn't have the same diligence with bottled-water manufacturers.

Is it true that bottled water doesn't have enough fluoride to protect a person from cavities?

Many communities have elected to add fluoride to drinking water to promote strong teeth and prevent tooth decay, though some groups continue to oppose this practice and believe it's detrimental to health. However, it's important to consider fluoride if you're drinking exclusively bottled water — particularly for children whose teeth are developing. If you drink bottled water often, consider supplemental fluoride from your dentist or doctor (available by prescription only).

Where does bottled water come from?

Some bottled water really does come from springs, but a lot of expensive water is actually just filtered tap water — as much as 25 percent, in fact. The good news is that if you take a minute to read the label, you'll know which is which before you spend your money. Anything marked "purified" or "drinking water" is, more likely than not, pulled straight from the tap.

Now the question is where the rest of bottled water comes from. Again, you're going to have to check out the label. And while the FDA doesn't regulate terms like "glacial" or "crystalline," it does regulate the use of terms like "spring," "artesian" and "mineral."

"Frankly, most tap waters are just as good as these other types of water. Most are marketing strategies with no good, peer-reviewed science to show that they are better than tap water. If I had a choice, I'd drink uncontaminated groundwater [spring water], but frankly, it's beginning to cease to exist. Most groundwater in the U.S. has some level of contamination — from pesticides to microbes. A point-of-use water filter can improve the taste and microbial quality," says Ford.

The following are definitions of common water terms:

- **Purified water*:** Produced by distillation, deionization, reverse osmosis or other suitable processes.
- **Mineral water*** Contains at least 250 parts per million total dissolved naturally occurring solids. The most common types of minerals found in these waters are iron, potassium, magnesium, manganese, silica, chromium, lithium and copper.
- **Spring water*:** Refers to underground streams that naturally surface at some point — the water is either collected at these openings or pumped out of a hole to reach the underground water. Water collected from underground must match the composition of water that emerges from the spring.
- **Sparkling bottled water*:** Water that contains the same amount of carbon dioxide that it had at emergence from the source after treatment and possible replacement of carbon dioxide.
- **Artesian water*:** Water that comes from a well that taps a confined aquifer — a body of water underground concealed by a layer of sand or rock.
- **Flavored waters:** Waters that give just a hint of flavors like citrus or berries and contain no sweeteners or just modest amounts, from high-fructose corn syrup to sugars or honey. They are not usually calorie-free but are modest in carbohydrates and calories when consumed sparingly.
- **Smart Waters:** Water with additional minerals, vitamins and other ingredients that are said to make these more a health drink than just water.
- **Distilled water:** Water without naturally occurring minerals and trace elements. Distilled water is excellent for things like ironing, as the buildup of natural minerals can be problematic over time. B... minerals are actually h... good for drinkers.
- **Tap water:** Wate... out of your municipa... — your city is require... you with a breakdown ... ical components in you...
- **Natural:** Can co... bottled water that ... springs or wells. Furthermore, natural chemical compo... minerals and trace elements to spring and well water have been altered during ... ment process.

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'Accidental Housewife' adds fun, glam to her drudgery

BY ABIGAIL LEICHMAN
THE RECORD

HACKENSACK, N.J. — "Accidental Housewife" Julie Edelman doesn't aim to pass any white-glove tests.

"Hopefully you're not going to go around looking for dust bunnies behind my plants," she tells a visitor to her Franklin Lakes, N.J., home.

Edelman's paperback, subtitled "How to Overcome Housekeeping Hysteria One Task at a Time," isn't simply another how-to but a humorous guide for anyone managing a household "unexpectedly, unintentionally, by default or by chance, with minimal skills and little interest."

Or as Edelman puts it, "I'm Erma Bombeck meets Heloise on Wisteria Lane."

This explains why her list of must-haves includes white wine and scented candles along with disinfectant wipes, toilet scrubbers and feather dusters.

"I make people smile about cleaning," she says. "Most of us don't usually do that."

Edelman did not set out to be a cleaning expert. Her life journey took an accidental route from Madison Avenue to the Mop N Glo aisle.

"Many moons ago," she relates, "I thought I'd be Katie Couric. I did documentary work and TV news, and then got into advertising."

Six years ago, her son Luke, now 12, inspired her to write a children's cookbook, "Once Upon a Recipe." It got the attention of TV producers, and soon she was appearing on the morning shows as a "lifestyle expert," advising viewers on everything from stuffing turkeys to stuffing Christmas stockings.

"Accidentally, I became 'the smart and savvy mom.' It was a burden in a way. I have felt so free in the last year since I came up with this `Accidental Housewife' concept, because it really says who I am," Edelman confides. "I can be smart and savvy sometimes, but I can also laugh at myself and not worry if my house isn't perfect."

She's still giving advice over the airwaves. One-minute "Save Our Sanity" vignettes will debut on ABC radio in the fall. Last month, she offered tips on "Today" about "how to save your home, your sanity and your manicure."

Yet it's hard to believe this well-manicured woman really scrubs her showcase abode and its several powder rooms.

"I will fess up," she responds without hesitation. "Once a week I get help from Maria, who lives in Newark. But the rest of the time it's up to me."

Edelman says she spends about 10 minutes a day doing touch-up cleaning, combining these chores with whatever else she's doing.

"I put some music on, fluff pillows, light some scented candles. I don't want it to become drudgery, but I like my house looking a certain way."

She turns from the dining room table to scan the adjacent areas. "Maria comes Mondays. Now it's Wednesday, and it's not too bad." She points out some grimy spots on the kitchen floor near the dog's dish, drops of water between the living-room wing chairs.



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JULIE EDELMAN, author of "The Accidental Housewife," offers practical and fun cleaning tips for the home.

"As long as you keep your pillows straight, it doesn't matter if your floor is dirty because most people aren't looking at the floor," she says. "Sometimes it's OK if we don't do everything so perfectly."

This is coming from a woman who grew up in a Fort Lee household where the living room was all but roped off to keep it immaculate.

"My mother was a real perfectionist," Edelman says. "That was her job in that time and place, and it was important to her. Today, you can relax a little, and everyone will still think you're OK."

But even just "top cleaning," as she calls it, would be sheer drudgery were it not for the background music, the white wine and the whimsy: a rhinestone-studded feather duster and hot pink rubber gloves with faux pearls on the cuffs that Edelman models on her book jacket.

She found these "wonderfully Lucille Ball-ish" items on the Internet, but she's developing her own line of campy gloves, dusters and cleaning accessories to be packaged with her book in time for the holiday season.

She snaps on the gloves and demonstrates some of her "quick and easy ways to get things done" that are the product of research, trial and error and refining other experts' methods.

"You multipurpose things you use every day," she explains, dropping an Alka-Seltzer tablet into the commode. "Plop plop, fizz fizz, it gets rid of all the poop and whiz."

While brushing her teeth, she dabs toothpaste on the chrome faucet and uses another toothbrush to scrub it. Then she buffs it shiny with a paper towel.

"If you use shaving cream — you or your husband, because he can be an accidental housewife, too — spray some on the mirror and then use newspaper to wipe it off," she advises.

Although the newspaper method leaves no lint and fits part of the "reduce, reuse, recycle" ideal of ecology, Edelman generally relies on throw-away wipes and scrubbers.

"I believe in disposables because you don't want to add extra work," she says without apology. "Look, I recycle, and I do use some products that are environmentally good, like Imus' (Greening the Cleaning) brand. It's about trying to achieve a balance and doing things in moderation."

In the middle of the demo, Edelman gets a call from her publisher to discuss her next book. This one aims to take on home repairs and organization. She plans to incorporate ideas posted at ... housewife.com by members ... Rubber Glove Club.

"They're so happy ... one has taken the bore ... chore," she says of her fo... "Heloise and the Queen ... are terrific. What I hope ... ing is a sense of humor ... sense of calm so we can ... of the broom closet and ... ourselves so seriously."

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There are numerous safeguards in today's reverse mortgage programs that protect senior homeowners. "Most people don't realize that the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) was designed by Congress and the U.S. Department of Urban Development (HUD) specifically to help seniors enhance their retirement years. It is a safe, secure government program, not a scam that preys on seniors," said Sequoia Mortgage Capital's David Chee, CPA.

A reverse mortgage is a loan that enables senior homeowners 62 or older to borrow against the equity of their home, without having to sell the home, give up title, or take on a new monthly mortgage payment. The money can be used for any purpose.

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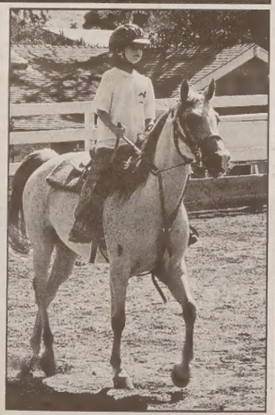
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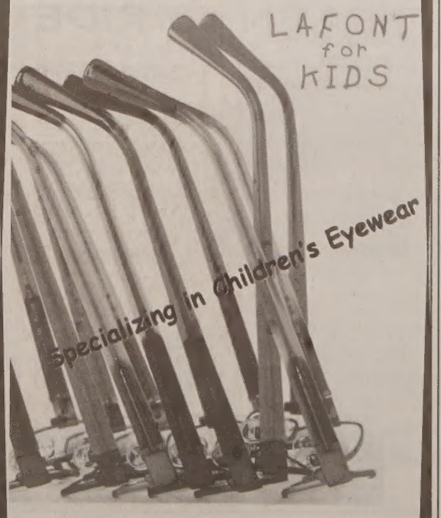


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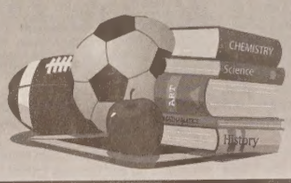
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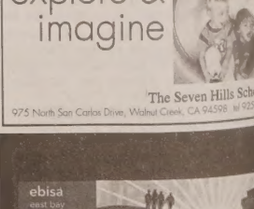
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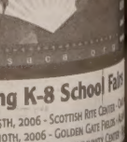
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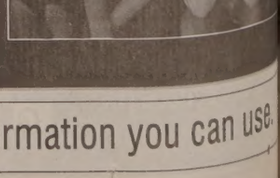
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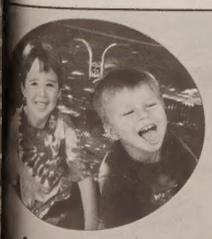
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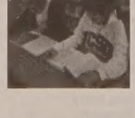
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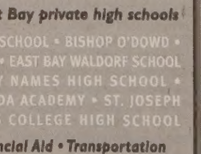
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Hot, new, dwarf trees and shrubs

BY CHARLIE NARDOZZI
FAMILY FEATURES

Short is in — for trees and shrubs, that is. New, compact forms of popular trees and shrubs are becoming more available in garden centers and nurseries. There's a good reason for this trend. As yard sizes shrink, homeowners have competing uses for the green space around their homes. Trees and shrubs need to fit into smaller spaces around decks, patios, lawns and walkways. Plant breeders have responded with dwarf varieties that perform double or triple duty, having interesting leaves, fruits and bark for four seasons of interest.

"Though small, dwarf shrubs can have giant effects," says Doug Welsh, professor and extension horticulturist at Texas A & M University. "Dwarf shrubs and trees require less trimming and maintenance while giving your landscape a natural, less formal look," he says.

Here are some of the best new dwarf trees and shrubs available.

"My Monet" weigela

Weigela is a widely grown, adaptable, spring-flowering shrub. It normally grows 5 to 6 feet tall, with tube-shaped flowers in colors ranging from white to red. However, after blooming, the shrub's green foliage is nondescript for the rest of the summer.

That's all changed with "My Monet" weigela. This new variety grows only 12 to 18 inches tall. The new spring foliage is bright pink and blends well with the rosy pink flowers. The leaves mature to green edged in white. "My Monet" makes a great container plant, as well as a colorful addition to the perennial border. It's hardy in USDA zones 4 to 8.

"Covey" redbud

Redbuds (Cercis canadensis) are popular, early-spring-blooming trees. Their fluorescent purple, tiny flowers emerge before the leaves and light up a yard in spring. "Covey" redbud is a weeping form that only grows 8 to 10 feet tall. It has a cascading, umbrella form so it fits into small spaces near a doorway or in a perennial flower bed. It's hardy in USDA zones 5 to 9.





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"Razzle Dazzle" crape myrtle

Crape myrtle (Lagerstroemia indica), or "lilac of the South," is a beautiful tree commonly grown in commercial and civic landscaping plantings. In home landscapes, the mature height tops 20 feet tall, which is often too large for a small yard. Enter the new "Razzle Dazzle" line of crape myrtles. These trees are not only dwarf ("Snow Dazzle," for example, grows only 2 feet tall!), but some are also disease resistant. They come in a range of flower colors depending on the variety, and are hardy in USDA zones 6 to 9.

"Hornli" hydrangea

Mophead hydrangeas (H. macrophylla) are hot. Those old-fashioned plants are making a comeback with lots of new varieties. Traditional mophead hydrangeas feature blue or pink flowers on shrubs as large as 5 feet tall and wide. The new "Hornli" hydrangea from Switzerland, however, features fire engine red flowers less than 2 feet tall "Hornli" flowers all sum hardy in USDA zones

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Mailboxes that deliver personal style

BY NICOLE TSONG
THE SEATTLE TIMES

SEATTLE — Standard mailboxes, though multicolored, pale in comparison to customized creations.

Mailboxes usually blend into the landscape of a residential neighborhood. But for those obsessed with curb appeal, the requisite bill receptacle is a central part of your yard's visual equation.

We asked readers to send in pictures of their creative mailboxes. Some crafty folks made their own, while others received theirs as gifts.

If you'd like to make your own mailbox from scratch, you'd need approval from the local postmaster, according to usps.com. But it's probably easier just to tweak a Postal Service-approved mailbox found at the store.

Mailboxes are required to have numerals at least 1 inch high on the side visible to the carrier.

Here are a few of our favorite mailboxes.

Lana Abrams, of Mount Baker, Wash., decided recently that she wanted to do something with all the beach glass her family has collected over the years.

Abrams, a graphic designer, glued on glass beads to form the house number and used the sea glass in muted greens, blues and whites to form the backdrop and cover up the plain black mailbox.

"I'm always doing artsy stuff," Abrams said.

The wood-car mailbox that serves as an inbox at Robert McLaughlin's office is impressively similar to the real vintage version he keeps in his garage.

His sister had the mailbox made in the likeness of McLaughlin's restored 1931 wood Ford station wagon.

"I'd really love to use it as a mailbox, but the weather's not conducive," McLaughlin said. "People at work see it. It gets a lot of comments."

Bothell, Wash., resident Caroline Atwood doesn't decorate mailboxes professionally, but her work can be seen all around the state.

Her grandson received a mailbox in the shape of a bulldozer that looked just like his father's real one. After it was stolen, she made him another mailbox, this one resembling an excavator.

Her sister, who lives in Eastern Washington, received a reminder of their childhood growing up in the Seattle area — a ferry mailbox.

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ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN'S SISTER gave him this mailbox shaped like his real Ford Woody, above. Caroline Atwood, top right, has designed and decorated mailboxes for members of her family. She also created this orca-style mailbox for her Bothell, Wash., home. Lana Abrams' family, bottom right, has gathered beach glass from Texas, Oregon, Hawaii and Washington and glued it to the mailbox. Abrams' daughter, Lia, and son, Jae, show off the mailbox with Buckley, the family dog.



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STANDARD MAILBOXES, though multicolored, pale in comparison to customized creations.





Tips to lighten your load

BY DOUG WORGUL
CORRESPONDENT

You'd like to be carrying a cute little Kate Spade bag, wouldn't you? Instead, you're lugging around a big ol' Samsonite, right?

You have no choice really, what with the wallet, cell phone, keys, makeup, kids' snacks, aspirin and first-aid supplies, notes, receipts, gum, breath mints, iPod, feminine products, baby wipes, granola bars and hair-care items you have to tote from place to place.

Like to lighten your load? Try these purse-purging tactics:

■ **Dump It**

Empty the contents of your purse on a counter or table. Throw away gum and candy wrappers, used tissues, old receipts and shopping lists. Give your empty purse a good cleaning, inside and out, using a moist cloth.

■ **Sort It**

Group items by category, such as fundamentals (keys, wallet, sunglasses and cell phone), cosmetics, gum and snacks, kids' stuff and hygiene.

■ **Contain It**

Donna Smallin, author of the books "Organizing Plain & Simple," "Unclutter Your Home" and "7 Simple Steps to Unclutter Your Life," suggests storing and carrying these categorized items in individual containers, such as matching cosmetics bags or resealable plastic bags. That way you can easily see what's in each smaller bag and put in your purse only those items you'll need for any given outing.

■ **Reduce It**

Pare down the items you carry by eliminating duplicates — one lipstick instead of three, one small notepad for lists and reminders instead of individual notes and scraps.

■ **Risk It**

Don't stock your purse for every possible contingency. Chances are you're not going to need snacks and your iPod when lunching with your girlfriends. If you need something you don't happen to have in your purse, buy it, or borrow it from a girlfriend who hasn't yet learned to pack light.

■ **Share It**

If your kids want to take snacks along for the ride, give them the responsibility of carrying them in their own pockets or backpacks.

■ **Shrink It**

Try carrying a smaller purse. It'll force you to be choosier about what you carry.

■ **Purge It**

Empty your purse every night and throw away all trash. Restock with the essentials — wallet, keys, phone and basic cosmetics. Then, before going out in the morning add whatever else you might need for the day ahead.

Sources: www.healthcastle.com, www.femalethink.com, and www.ehow.com.